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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

League Opposes the New Charter

by Dave Hepburn

After a tremendous amount of involvement in the effort to revamp the Los Angeles City Charter, evaluation of the Proposed Charter, input from various stakeholders and considerable debate, the Protective League has taken a position to oppose the ballot measure that would enact the proposed changes. Although there are many laudable aspects to the Proposed Charter, it is a flawed document that the Protective League cannot support.

It is the League's belief that the Proposed New Charter would not lead to better government, but would instead undermine the effective balance of power that currently ensures honesty, integrity, and efficiency in City government. The Proposed Charter would provide the groundwork for future mayors to exercise political patronage and retribution that could only be overridden by two-thirds of the Council. Such a provision in the City Charter would concentrate what we believe to be an unhealthy amount

of power in one office. With the mayor's authority to propose the budget, department managers would be forced to dance like puppets because the mayor would have the authority to eviscerate their budgets and fire them if they still didn't get the message. Imagine such unbridled power in the hands of a mayor with a dictatorial bent, such as our current Chief and potential mayoral candidate. Would we want to hand him the power to do for the City what he has done to this Department? We don't believe it would be in the best interest of the public to give one person that much power.

Some will argue that giving the mayor power over the budget and over department heads leads to efficiency, but that's making the assumption that all future mayors will be above reproach and not tempted to abuse those powers for personal gain or political patronage. History gives no reason for optimism on this point.

The patronage theme is also played out in a section of the Proposed

Charter that exempts deputy chiefs of the Police Department from Civil Service rules. What that means is the chief can appoint captains and commanders to deputy chief without giving them a Civil Service test. The chief would also have the authority to demote any deputy chief to the rank from which they were promoted. For example, a Captain I who was promoted all the way to deputy chief because they somehow pleased the chief, could just as easily be demoted from deputy chief to Captain I whenever the chief tired of their company. One can imagine all kinds of unsavory scenarios in which command officers will be held in lock step with the chief because of the tremendous power the chief would possess to enhance or reduce their pay. If they fail to publicly support the chief on an important political issue, such as the chief's current attempt to enlist them in his crusade against binding arbitration, they will suffer the career consequences. If they don't make the correct decision at a Board

of Rights, evidence aside, they will suffer the career consequences.

We believe the Civil Service system has served the City well by minimizing political patronage and providing a systematic promotional system generally based on merit. Expanding exemptions from Civil Service would be a regressive move that would unnecessarily open the door for the specter of corruption to creep back into city government.

The Proposed Charter further attempts to strengthen the power of the mayor by creating a Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with a commission and general manager all appointed by the mayor. The new department would have vague responsibilities dealing with holding public hearings on matters of public concern. The mischief a mayor could create with this resource is nearly limitless.

Two issues regarding pensions also cause the League great concern. The

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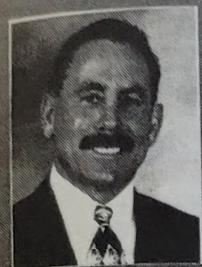
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PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Makes an Unexpected Contract Offer to Settle the Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs' Contract

The President of A.L.A.D.S., Pete Brodie, advised the Los Angeles Police Protective League Board of Directors that on April 29, 1999, the County Board of Supervisors made an unexpected early contract proposal to settle their up-and-coming contract. The tentative agreement was signed on May 7, 1999, and offered the Deputy Sheriffs a nine percent pay raise over the next three years. The parties agreed to a four percent pay raise in the year 2000 (two percent effective January 1, 2000, and two percent effective July 1, 2000); a three percent pay raise effective July 1, 2001; and two percent effective July 1, 2002. The agreement further provided "no take-aways" and a continued \$1,000 per year uniform allowance. The agreement was being mailed to the deputies for a ratification vote on May 11, 1999, and due to be mailed back by May 20, 1999. The big question everyone is asking? Will the membership ratify the settlement proposal? (Update: On May 21, their membership voted no.)

The Los Angeles Police Protective League Board and the Negotiating Team will be evaluating the Sheriffs'

tentative agreement concerning their financial package. The evaluation will determine what the two salary differences actually are between the two organizations, how far have the Sheriffs gone ahead in the salary formula, and what will be needed to maintain a comparable comparison.

This is just the first of many contract proposals to be offered in the coming year for many law enforcement personnel. The Negotiating Team will obviously be using this information and other contract offers to formulate our proposals. I will continue to update you on contract negotiations between other departments and agencies as information becomes available.

The Protective League Board Reaches Out to the Employee Minority Organizations in an Effort to Seek Input for the Contract Negotiations

The Board of Directors attempted to overcome a major issue or contention with the Minority Organizations, and that was input as to the issues of the Protective League. The Los Angeles Police Protective League Board is responsible for all negotiations concerning Los Angeles Police Officers, since the Los Angeles Police Protective League is the authorized bargaining

unit. The Board made an honest effort and an attempt to reach out to each organization and seek input for the future contract negotiations.

On March 10, 1999, I personally mailed an invitation to every employee organization asking that they attend a meeting scheduled on April 22, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to identify and address those issues that may affect our members. I further requested that those in attendance bring a prepared written document concerning the suggestions or recommendations their organizations believe will collectively benefit our members.

I am sorry to inform you that no one showed up for the meeting. I wanted this information to be made public so that in the future individuals cannot say the League failed to seek their input. This allegation occurred during the Charter Reform meetings concerning discipline and, unfortunately, some of our own members lobbied a position that was adverse to the membership's best interest. The excuse raised was, "No one had talked to us about the issues." I don't think any of the individuals elected to represent minority issues will claim an opportunity was not extended. I still encourage any member who has input on issues or concerns that benefit our members, to provide that information.

The Protective League Board of Directors and Your Delegates are Looking at Revising the Delegates Responsibilities, Modernizing Our System and Improving Our Efficiency and Communication Ability

During the Delegates Conference scheduled for August 26 - 29, 1999, we

will be attempting to determine what changes are needed to make our Delegate System more effective, more efficient and, most importantly, how we can provide better service to our members. If you have any suggestions on how we might improve this process, please contact your Delegates so they can bring your recommendations to the Conference.

The City of Las Vegas Appears to Haunt Both Chief Parks and Ex-Chief Williams!

The expenditures of the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club on behalf of Chief Parks and his accommodations may be in violation of the Ethics Commission's reporting requirements. The Chief apparently reported to the Ethics Commission that he received \$200 in airfare as a gift from the Revolver Club, during the Baker-to-Vegas relay race.

The Chief acknowledged his obligation to report such a contribution when he included the airfare on his contribution report to the Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission must now ask why didn't he report the remaining balance of \$2,203.58 for hotel, food, movies, and phone service. If the Chief failed to report these gifts as required by the policy, I sincerely hope both the Ethics Commission and the Police Commission will investigate this possible misconduct. The Chief is no different from any other employee of the Department and a proper investigation should be completed. The Revolver Club does do business with the City and no exception should be made when a possible conflict may occur.

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TED HUNT, SECRETARY

College Day Success

Hundreds of law enforcement officers attended the 2nd Annual Los Angeles Police Protective League College Day which was held at the Police Academy on May 20th. Many agencies across the United States require a minimum 60 college credits for entry to their departments.

The trends in police work indicate that one day there will be a college requirement to promote. The issue is lifelong learning to improve our professionalism. Some "college types" totally lack common sense. They are regular "propeller heads." The unique aspect about a police officer who advances his/her education is that officers usually mix academia with the common sense learned on the street to produce a higher quality police professional.

Although we are at constant odds with the Chief of Police, I want to recognize that on this issue, we were able to put aside our differences and support the same objective. The key is to ensure that we promote professionalism through lifelong learning.

Police Memorial in Sacramento

On Friday, May 7, 1999 police dignitaries from all over California traveled to Sacramento for the California Peace Officers' Memorial Services where the 17 California Peace Officers who died in the line of duty in 1998, were honored and

their families were personally thanked by Governor Davis, Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante and Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

We honored three of our own heroes, Steve Gajda, Fil Cuesta and Brian Brown, who were killed trying to ensure peace in this great City. Deputy Chief David Gascon was there to represent the Los Angeles Police Department. Our League played a significant role in escorting the families, planning and presenting the memorial service.

Security Guard Licensing

As one of the many services to League members, we have the ability to immediately license officers who want to work off duty as a security guard. Thanks to legislation we recently passed, if you are an active duty police officer, you will receive an immediate temporary license when you complete your application.

The Bureau of Security and Investigative Services has trained League staff how to properly complete the required forms. We have all of the forms, including the ability to submit fingerprint cards. The Police Protective League licenses more security guards than any other entity in the State.

What all that means is that our members take advantage of the service; it also means that the City doesn't pay us enough so we have to work part time jobs. Think contract!

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PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS

TIM SANDS, TREASURER

A Political Refugee or a "Cop Killer"?

I was contacted by a detective acquaintance of mine who, via a letter, stated that he was at LACCJ (Los Angeles County Central Jail) for a line-up when he read the president's article from the *Star and Shield*, which is the L.A. County Professional Peace Officers Association's newsletter. The detective stated in his letter that many LASO deputies and LAPD officers were infuriated by the president's article which addresses a letter written by Congressional Representative Maxine Waters. In her letter to Fidel Castro, Maxine Waters is apologizing for her vote on House Resolution 254, which she says she was tricked into voting for. House Resolution 254 calls on the government of Cuba to extradite to the U.S.A., Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the U.S.A. from political persecution and who have received political asylum in Cuba.

One might ask, why is a League Director writing about a government bill addressing political refugees in Cuba? Well the facts are: This Joanne Chesimard is a convicted cop killer, not a political refugee. According to the president's article in the *Star and Shield*, Joanne Chesimard in 1977 was convicted of the murder of New Jersey State Trooper Werner Foerster and the

attempted murder of his partner Trooper James Harper. During the 1973 incident, Trooper Foerster was shot four times, twice execution style with his own revolver. Joanne Chesimard was sentenced to life in prison. She escaped at gunpoint in 1979 and fled to Cuba.

Police Memorial Week occurs during the month of May. I will be a part of the ceremonies as an escort for the Steve Gadja family (Steve was a probationer I trained, and as a Defense Rep, I represented him in some I.A.D. investigations.) For anyone who has attended these ceremonies it is a very emotional time honoring the 100 to 200 officers killed in the line of duty each year across the U.S.A. So if you are as infuriated as I am about an elected Congressional Representative asking that a convicted cop killer be given further asylum in Cuba, then I ask that you contact Representative Maxine Waters at (202) 225-2201 or mail to:

Representative Maxine Waters
2344 Rayburn,
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The aforementioned letter follows:
September 29, 1998
President Fidel Castro
Central Committee
Plaza de la Revolucion Habana, Cuba

Dear President Castro,

I am writing to clarify my position on a resolution recently passed by the United States House of Representatives on September 14, 1998. I, and some of the Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, mistakenly voted for House Concurrent Resolution 254 which called on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States from political persecution and received political asylum in Cuba. Joanne Chesimard was the birth name of a political activist known to most Members of the Congressional Black Caucus as Assata Shakur.

For the record, I am opposed to the resolution.

By way of explanation, the Republican leadership quietly slipped this bill onto the accelerated suspension calendar last week as one of thirteen (13) bills that had been announced that same day. The suspension calendar is supposed to be reserved for non-controversial legislation like naming federal buildings and post offices. But, the Republican leadership chose to push this provision in an apparent effort to look tough on Cuba for the November elections.

As evidence of their deceptive intent, the resolution did not mention Assata Shakur, but chose to only call her Joanne Chesimard. Unfortunately, none of our offices were alerted to the fact that this legislation was coming up for a vote by any of the numerous advocacy groups that monitor related issues.

Once I discovered the nature of this deception, I prepared a statement of opposition, which I delivered on the floor the next day. I unequivocally stated that a mistake was made and I would have voted against the legislation.

Allow me to explain why I am opposed to this measure.

I support the right of all nations to grant political asylum to individuals fleeing political persecution. The United States grants political asylum to individuals from all over the world who successfully prove they are fleeing political persecution. Other sovereign nations have the same right, including the sovereign nation of Cuba.

Although there are Members of Congress that may disagree with particular decisions made by other sovereign governments regarding political asylum, it is the inviolate right of legitimate governments to grant asylum pursuant to the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I will fight to maintain the ability of political refugees to find asylum in United States and respect the right of other governments be able to grant political asylum. Just as we maintain the right to grant political asylum for individuals from Cuba, we must respect the right of the government of Cuba to grant political asylum for individuals from the U.S. fleeing political persecution.

I believe that the current thirty-seven year embargo on Cuba is a relic of a Cold War past, now over, and is primarily hurting the poor and working people of Cuba. I was encouraged by the words of the Pope in his visit to Cuba this year, and look forward to a new era of U.S.-Cuban relations. Part of these efforts include work to allow humanitarian and medical aid for Cuba.

The second reason I oppose this measure is because I respect the right of Assata Shakur to seek political asylum. Assata Shakur has maintained that she was persecuted as a result of her political beliefs and political affiliations. As a result, she left the United States and sought political asylum in Cuba, where she still resides. In a sad

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Much has been said over the past few years about the perception of a few that the League does not represent all of its members on an equal basis. This perception is based partially on the fact that no African-American has ever been elected to the League's Board of Directors. I believe that the operative word here is "elected." Somehow, organizations such as the Oscar Joel Bryant Society believe that the League should *appoint* an African-American to its board. I believe that they have missed the point of a representative democracy.

Despite this fallacy, I would like to relate to you several recent incidents that should dispel this notion that the League is biased against persons of color. The first incident occurred during the hearings held by the Elected Charter Reform Commission over the past few months. During these hearings, both the League and Chief Burnie were asked to provide statistics concerning Departmental discipline. The League was asked to provide statistics as to its representation of officers, broken down by ethnicity. The Chief was asked for statistics on discipline broken down by ethnicity. The League was diligent in its research and dutifully reported their findings. Miraculously, over 75% of the officers represented by the League on legal matters were officers of color. The Chief reported that he did not do formal research on the matter

(as requested by the Commission) but that his estimation was that the discipline meted out by him ran along the same lines as the statistics proffered by the League. In other words, the Chief was disciplining his own officers in a statistically "racist" manner and the League was representing a disproportionate number of minority officers. Based on these statistics, there seem to be only two logical conclusions. The first, which I reject summarily, is that somehow, minority officers just get into more trouble than non-minority officers. The second conclusion is that Chief Burnie is racially motivated in meting out his discipline. I reject this conclusion because he has proven that he is ready, willing and able to burn *any* officer, no matter what his or her ethnicity happens to be. I don't have an explanation for these statistics, but I can guarantee you that if the statistics had not proven to be so positive for the League, then some organizations would be screaming for our heads to roll. The point I attempt to make is that the League is clearly doing its job of representing and protecting *all* of its members despite the claims to the contrary by certain groups bent on dividing the League's membership. These groups should place the blame where it belongs, namely the Chief of Police. But it is clear that these organizations are either afraid of the Chief or want to ingratiate themselves with him. But in

either case they have shown themselves to be the cowards that they are.

I filed a grievance the other day for an officer who was accused of misconduct and ordered to a Board of Rights. The alleged misconduct had nothing to do with his job performance. In fact, he was told by his supervisors that he was doing an outstanding job and his ratings reflected it. But he has been demoted from PO III to PO II *prior to his Board of Rights* merely because he was accused of misconduct. The rationale for his demotion was that he could not perform his duties as a PO III because of the alleged misconduct. What happened to the presumption of innocence? Amazingly, the Department refuses to even acknowledge the grievance, asserting that this action was merely a *reassignment*, hence not an appropriate subject of a grievance. What ever happened to Due Process? Apparently Burnie believes he can suspend the Constitution when it comes to officers' rights. It makes me want to vomit whenever I hear Burnie talk about the "LAPD Family" and how he is looking out for his officers' interests. Anyone who thinks he cares a hoot about you or your welfare is delusional. Unless, of course, you are part of the chosen few, then anything done is just a "training" issue rather than misconduct.

Isn't it amazing how our Department is becoming more and more like the Salem Witch Trials? It doesn't matter if you are guilty or not. For the betterment of the Department it has become necessary to ruin the lives and careers of any officer who is *just under suspicion*. It seems that the prevailing philosophy is that *any* individual officer is expendable to protect the reputation and integrity of the Department. But who am I to question the Department's value system? It is obvious that the ones with the power to stop the bloodshed of innocents, namely Edith Perez and the Police Commission, the

City Council, and the Mayor, don't care or are too lazy or afraid to intervene.

Delta Dental

Delta Dental has advised us that there will be a substantial rate increase as of July 1, 1999. For active members, the single party rate will increase from \$41.00 per month to \$49.00 per month. The two party plus rate will increase from \$58.12 per month to \$66.12 per month. Luckily for all of us, some forward thinking League negotiator had a provision placed in our current MOU that provides that the City will pay the increase each year. So the extra \$8.00 per month will be paid by the member. Unfortunately for retirees, since there is no subsidy for dental into retirement, this \$8.00 increase will have to be absorbed by the retiree.

LAPPL Scholarships

It is my distinct pleasure to announce the winning contestants in the 1999 League Scholarship Essay:

- \$3,000 -- Thomas Zamora, son of Antonio Zamora from Newton Area.
- \$1,500 -- Megan Coates, daughter of Richard Coates from 77th Area.
- \$1,500 -- Kelley Giberson, daughter of Kevin Giberson of WTD.
- \$750 -- Erica Milecki, daughter of Adam Milecki of Southwest Area.
- \$750 -- Shelby Hast, daughter of Paul Hast, retired.
- \$750 -- Scott Miller, son of Gary Miller of CTD.
- \$750 -- Jennifer Huerta, daughter of Ralph Huerta of West Valley Area.
- \$750 -- Wendi Sweet, daughter of Thomas Sweet, retired.

These young adults, preparing to go off to college, represent what is right about our future. All of their parents and families should be proud of them. I congratulate each one and wish all continued success in the future.

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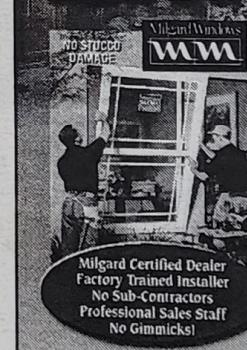
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See You Again Soon!

I'm a lucky guy. It's time to retire from the Los Angeles Police Department. I've met a lot of people and made many friends; too many to list here, but



League Director Lenny Muñoz presenting Thin Blue Line Memorial photo to Richard and Emily Calvert, step father and mother of LAPD Officer Brian Brown, during pre-game ceremony in Houston, Texas. Officer Brown was killed in the line of duty on November 29, 1999. The Houston Gunners defeated the L.A. Centurions in an emotionally charged squeaker.

I want to say "see you again soon" to all of you.

After the Academy, I worked seven years at 77th Street Division, followed by 18 years at Metropolitan Division. I believe I've worked every divisional area in the City, and I've been in every LAPD facility since 1969. I loved every minute, but my fondest moments have been the last five years as a Director with the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

The various Directors and attorneys I've had the pleasure of working with have all been great. All were dedicated to and worked hard for the League membership. I will always cherish my memories of the League Staff. From the office manager, to the insurance staff, to the bookkeeping department, to the legal section, to the administrative personnel, I love you all.

Everybody at the League is dedicated to the membership, the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. I hope I have been helpful to you during my stint as a Director. I apologize to those whom I wasn't able to help as much as they hoped for, but I did the best I could.

I am moving on to work for the people of California. Governor Gray Davis has appointed me to his Board of Prison



League Directors Dennis P. Zine, Lenny Muñoz and President Dave Hepburn with living legend Ed Lindsey at his retirement dinner.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Sgt. Ron Barnes and family celebrating his retirement from the Department.

Terms and I will help him keep his pledge to Californians to keep our communities safe. LAPD will always have a warm place in my heart.

Hopefully I'll see you at my retirement dinner on Friday, August 20, 1999, at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant at the Montebello Country Club. A special goodbye to all the gang at Mark Deitch and Associates, the *Thin Blue*

Line publisher. The *Thin Blue Line* will always be in great shape because of the dedicated efforts of my partner, Associate Editor Helen McVay. Thank you for always being there.

May our Lady of Guadalupe watch over you as you keep the citizens safe. See you again soon!



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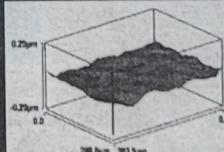
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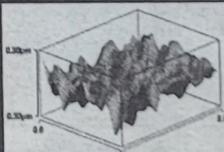
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CAREER SURVIVAL

CLIFF RUFF

Deputy Chief Gregory Berg, recently wrote an article in the January 1999 *L.A. Police Beat* titled "The Importance of Personal Integrity." I thought it was an outstanding article that should be required reading for everyone. I spoke with Chief Berg about the fine points of his article and we concluded that most field officers are well trained and practiced in the art of street survival. The field officer is very astute in not surrendering the position of advantage, field tactics, or weaponry, in dealing with criminal suspects in the field. The immediate goal of every police officer is to make it to EOW alive and healthy.

All peace officers need to concentrate on another long-term goal called career survival. One must formulate a plan that will solidify their integrity and veracity throughout their lifetime. This is not easy in a society full of temptations and in a nation where many of our elected officials are untruthful, deviant, and have no moral values. Law enforcement officers frequently encounter false complaints motivated by unscrupulous attorneys whose sole goal is to seek the release of their felon clients by smearing the reputation of the arresting officers. The onus on integrity

and veracity falls upon each individual officer, and the Department through a record number of terminations, has made a clear statement that police officers in Los Angeles will be held accountable for their actions.... on and off duty.

In an on-duty situation, partners can play a major role in keeping each other out of trouble. Police officers are energetic and filled with exuberance. They are exposed to seemingly harmless temptations such as, shopping on duty; conducting personal business on duty; converting official contacts into off-duty personal relationships; or being offered gratuities. Some minor misconduct becomes major termination misconduct as soon as a supervisor makes inquiries and receives denials or false and misleading statements. The Department not only requires a police officer to be truthful, but an officer who becomes aware of his partner's misconduct, must immediately report it, not just discuss it if it comes up later down the road.

The first step officers can take is to make a pact to keep each other out of trouble. There must be a clear understanding that each officer won't acquiesce to bending the rules and that each officer will not lie or mislead a supervisor investigating allegations of misconduct. We get many inquiries at the League from officers going into IAD interviews and these officers say, "What do I do? My partner did it, I didn't." The answer is "You must tell the truth. If you don't tell the truth, you are subject to being fired." I always ask the officer who committed misconduct, how is he going to feed his family and pay the mortgage when he gets fired for

covering up? A complete understanding between partners that you won't lie for each other or let each other break the rules by looking the other way can go a long way in keeping each other from being the subjects of misconduct investigations.

This subject is extremely complex. An area where many officers get second guessed is on probable cause. Certain police officers are blessed with a sixth sense on finding crooks, guns, dope and other evidence. But everything must be articulately written. Many lawyers argue that police conduct illegal searches, find evidence, and then establish probable cause in reverse. Be sure you have probable cause first and proceed with your investigation. Never be afraid to call a supervisor for advice and approval, that's what they get paid for. Make sure everything in your arrest report can be re-enacted in a court room with complete credibility.

Chief Berg states, "No matter how dangerous the gang member or brazen the drug dealer, public support for the thin blue line evaporates when citizens believe that what an officer says or writes in a report is not true. Our people need to be constantly reminded that the end never justifies the means. Losing a job and a career over one more crook going to jail is a tragedy, and it is unnecessary." The League will protect your due process and legal rights, but you, as an individual, must protect your own integrity and veracity.

Be careful out there. Do your best in serving the people of Los Angeles and make our society better. May there be a divine guidance to our youth to avoid the violence and bloodshed of Littleton, Colorado.

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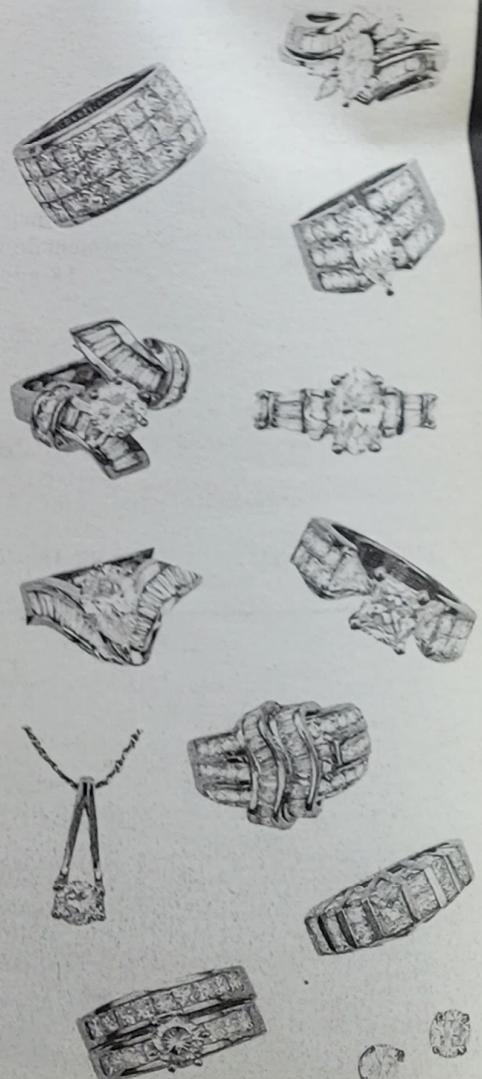
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DENNIS P. ZINE

Why Can't We All Get Along?

This statement was made by none other than Rodney King following the 1992 Los Angeles riot. The words remind me of a time when this City was in great turmoil and large numbers of residents were angry and upset with the state of the City and the operations, tactics and practices of the LAPD. Two commissions were established to examine the procedures of the LAPD and make recommendations for change to our honorable City leaders. The two commissions merged into one commonly referred to as the Christopher Commission. Many recommended changes were made by the Commission. Some of the changes have already been implemented while others await funding. Nevertheless, we must live with the changes since we are the employees and not the employer. We must follow the policies and rules implemented by the members of the Board of Police Commissioners and the managers of the police department. There is no question that thousands of LAPD officers are sickened by the direction of the Department. The management by terror and intimidation policy currently in place is causing officers to suffer unnecessary stress and live under the constant cloud and fear of 1.28 complaint investigations, board of rights hearings and severe discipline for violating any Department policy, rule or procedure. The madness is out of control and must be addressed and corrected.

It is time to change the hostile and career-crushing disciplinary system the Department has in place. Police officers are humans who will make mistakes and need to receive discipline when it is warranted. The Department's current "execution policy" for all types of alleged misconduct is out of line with contemporary society and all other law enforcement agencies. The Department's internal disciplinary policy is not only out of line with the standards of American law enforcement agencies, it is extremely expensive to the taxpayers of the City. The estimated cost of \$30 million a year to investigate and process internal investigations is totally outrageous.

When Inspector General Katherine Mader attempted to pry into the Department disciplinary system, she was cut off at the knees and pushed out of office. Her attempts to peek behind the Department's curtain of internal secrecy proved to be her demise.

It is time for all of us to get along and for the Department's internal disciplinary system to be modified.

The League will be more than willing to assist the Department in completing this overdue and urgent task.

Show Me the Money

The City's budget is being addressed in the Council as I prepare this month's *Thin Blue Line* article. The Department is in line to receive a funding increase of \$43 million for fiscal year 1999-2000. The Department's budget will total a whopping \$106,794,037. The additional money is scheduled to be used for the following programs:

Establish the Risk Management Division to facilitate the reduction of civil liability claims and lawsuit settlement costs.

Pursue funding and implementation of TEAMs II, a more sophisticated relational database and risk management system. (Better ways to burn you with 1.28's)

Complete the installation of LAN terminals on a Department-wide basis and increase their capability.

Complete scheduled phases of the construction of the dual 911 communication centers.

Increase to 90% the number of 911 calls answered in less than 10 seconds, while continuing efforts to reduce response time to answer non-emergency calls.

Increase the percentage of residents who think the police treat them fairly, with dignity and respect, and who feel safe in their neighborhoods. (Since the Chief dumped our successful Community Policing Programs, this is a real joke.)

157 new officers. This will bring our total sworn strength to 9,900.

Special Crime Suppression section in Metropolitan Division. 23 additional positions will be added to Metro. When fully staffed, the Crime Suppression platoons will be deployed to address crime areas throughout the City.

Four new positions will be added to the Explosives Section.

11 detective positions in the areas of sex crimes, juvenile services and financial crimes.

Funds are provided to purchase digital cameras and printers to better document domestic violence evidence.

18 additional officers to staff and police the Red Line subway. This will increase the total number of positions assigned to transit policing from 238 to 257.

Four new Police Psychologists are added to enhance the Department's Wellness and Balanced Health Programs. (Fewer 1.28's would bring about better stress management among the Department's employees.)

\$175,000 is being provided to bicycle details for bicycle replacements, parts and safety equipment.

\$3.5 million is provided for the replacement of two helicopters.

\$9.1 million is provided to purchase 24 new and 250 replacement black and white vehicles.

When you add it all up, the Department's budget for 1999-2000 increases by 5.4% over the existing budget. By the way, the Chief will be receiving an annual salary of \$219,782. With the City's 1999-2000 budget at an incredible \$4 billion, there is no doubt that Los Angeles is doing just fine in revenue.

July 1, 1999

The final salary increase of our 4-year 18% contract will take effect next month on July 1st. You will see a 3% salary increase on your check. The City Controller has informed me that the increase will appear on your July check.

While we are receiving the 3% salary increase, our happy retired members are in line for a 2.2% increase on their pension checks.

Thank You Councilman Joel Wachs and Members of the City Council

Many of our members who also serve our country in the military reserves are being notified that they will be called up to active duty to serve in NATO's Kosovo campaign.

Since the time overseas will exceed the permitted 30 days of paid military leave the City provides, special provisions had to be implemented to assure that our members would not suffer any financial loss. I contacted our good friend and recently re-elected Councilman Joel Wachs about the situation. Councilman Wachs immediately introduced a motion in City Council to provide the appropriate compensation to our military members called into active duty. The motion passed without any



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Councilman Joel Wachs.

difficulty and is now in place for all our members affected by military activation. I caution you to make sure you have direct deposit of your check to avoid any difficulty in receiving the funds you deserve while you are on active duty.

The following information should assist all of our members who are con-

cerned about being activated for the Kosovo campaign.

"...city employees are being called on to serve their country in another military effort, this time to bolster NATO's campaign in Kosovo.... The City should again show its support for its employees and their families by adopting ordinances which provide the same insurance subsidies and salary benefits for those who are called to active duty during the current crisis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council determine, as provided in Section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Personnel Department and the City Administrative Officer, be requested to prepare and present to the City Council the ordinances necessary to ensure that city employees called to active duty as a result of NATO's efforts in Kosovo receive insurance and salary subsidies, such ordinances to include the following:

17. Authorize the compensation of any city employees called to active duty with the difference between their current salary and their City salary for the full duration of the employees' military assignment.

18. Authorize the extension of health, dental, and life insurance program benefits for those employees activated as a result of this deployment.

19. Provide for the continuation of these benefits for employees who are activated as members of the military services more than once in a fiscal year.

I FURTHER MOVE that these ordinances specify operative dates which will ensure that all City employees called up as a result of this deployment receive these benefits regardless of when their active duty begins.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council call on all local governments and private sector employers to consider providing similar support and assistance to their employees who are called to active duty during this time." - Joel Wachs.

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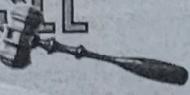


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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



Disclosing Officer Misconduct

Of all the irrational ideas that have been thrown around lately by someone in the Department, one of the most reckless is the one that claims that the Department is required to notify the District Attorney each time an officer is found guilty by a Board of Rights on any charge dealing with "integrity issues." We are presently having to guess as to the type of charge that may fall into this category. Some of these Department air heads seem to claim that because of the U. S. Supreme Court

decision in *Brady v. Maryland* (1963) 373 U.S. 83, a Board of Rights' findings on "integrity" creates a need for the Department to report such information to the District Attorney. We strongly disagree with this position and, if true, it is legally incorrect and potentially violative of officers' rights.

The *Brady* case requires a prosecutor to disclose exculpatory evidence to a criminal defendant. In a subsequent case in 1995, the U. S. Supreme Court further held that a prosecutor has a duty to disclose to the defense any favorable evidence which may be known to others who are allied with the prosecutor, in-

cluding police (*Kyles v. Whitley* (1995) 514 U.S. 419). Then in 1998, the California Supreme Court ruled in *In re Brown* (1998) 17 Cal.4th 873 that the prosecutor has a duty to *ascertain*, as well as disclose, any material exculpatory evidence whether it is in the prosecutor's file or in the file of some other agency working with the prosecutor. However, even in light of these court rulings, we take the view that the Department is totally wrong when it assumes it has a duty to provide the District Attorney with all information which reflects on the credibility of any arresting or testifying officers.

None of the court cases which discuss the prosecutor's duty to disclose favorable evidence states that a prosecutor must examine a witness officer's personnel files for "integrity issues." In fact, in the *Brown* case, the court specifically noted that the prosecutor has a duty only to find and produce material to which he has access under the Constitution and under statutes. In California, Penal Code Section 832.7(a) effectively prevents a prosecutor from access to a police officer's personnel files unless he/she is investigating the concerned officer or the law enforcement agency for whom such officer works. Therefore, a prosecutor has no duty to search for and reveal to a criminal defendant incidents which may reflect on a witness officer's credibility.

Certainly, a criminal defendant may be able to discover some specified information from an officer's personnel files, but only after a proper "Pitchess" motion is filed in court by the defendant under Evidence Code Section 1043. However, even then, the court screens the material in the personnel files privately in chambers during an "in camera" review with the custodian of the files. After such judicial review, only the information deemed "relevant" is

ordered disclosed by the court. Information in a personnel file which concerns conduct more than five years old is deemed "irrelevant" by Evidence Code Section 1045(b)(1). Likewise, the "conclusions" of investigators are also "irrelevant" pursuant to Evidence Code Section 1045(b)(2). We believe this would include conclusions of members of Boards of Rights as expressed in a Board of Rights transcript.

The other rationale that we hear support the view of some in the Department for disclosure of officer misconduct to the District Attorney, is the claim that the opinions expressed by the members of a Board of Rights are a public record. If true, this position is also legally flawed.

These Department clowns are probably referring to *Bradshaw v. City of Los Angeles* (1990) 221 Cal.App.3d 908, where the Court of Appeal concluded that there was no legal restriction on the Department's discretion to release to the news media (or the public) information pertaining to its employees. However, the law has changed since the *Bradshaw* case was decided. Penal Code Section 832.7(d) now specifically prohibits the Department from releasing information concerning a disciplinary investigation unless the officer first makes a false public statement about the matter. Therefore, the Department's view, if true, that it has to disclose officer misconduct to the District Attorney because of the *Brady* case is totally without merit.

Any League member who becomes aware that the Department has disclosed any information from his/her personnel complaints to the District Attorney should immediately contact a Director for a legal referral.

Enjoy your summer time and call us when in doubt.

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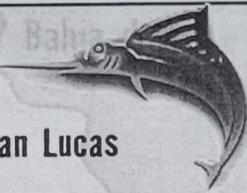
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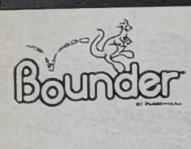
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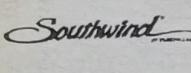


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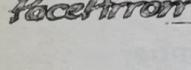
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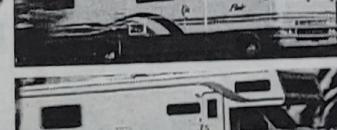
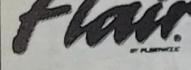
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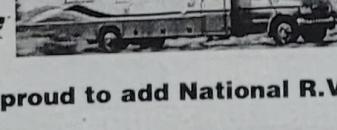
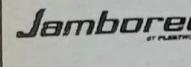
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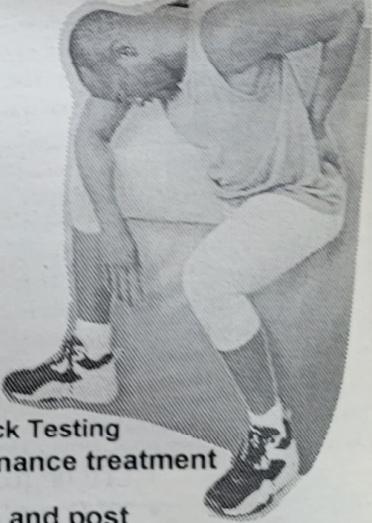
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

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-John Donne

The young officer stood nervously before the microphone in front of the Elected Charter Reform Commission. In front of the officer were fifteen members of the Commission seated in a half circle. Behind the officer were spectators, cameras, activists and high ranking Department officials. The Charter Reform Commission was exploring City Charter section changes in the area of police officer discipline and was taking comments from the community. The proposed changes would go on the ballot in June. The young officer was trying to choose the words that would convey to these people what it felt like to be terminated by a Board of Rights. Unfairly terminated, in the young officer's view, by a Board afraid to be independent and afraid to contradict the Chief of Police. The young officer began describing the experience of presenting evidence that would be ignored and arguments that would be disregarded by the Board of Rights members to persons largely unacquainted with the LAPD way. The Charter members were attentive and interested. They questioned the young officer and drew out the feelings of frustration left with the officer by the Board of Rights experience once the officer realized that there had never been a chance, right from the start. When the young officer left the room, it was apparent that a fresh perspective had been given to the Charter Commission. The Commission was considering changing the makeup of the Board of Rights. The Commission was considering alternatives to having two captains or above on the Board. Maybe two civilians and one captain or above? Maybe one civilian, one captain or above, and a Detective III or Sergeant II?

The damage to the Department's position had to be repaired. The Department's ability to control the Board of Rights was in jeopardy.

A commander addressed the Commission and explained that each personnel complaint against an officer was carefully investigated. It was reviewed on multiple levels. A great deal of time and effort was spent by the Department to insure that the investigation was

complete and accurate, the commander explained. Of course the Chief wants to know what went wrong with the discipline system when a Board of Rights finds an officer "not guilty," the commander said, after so many people in the chain of command had judged the officer "guilty." The Chief needs to make inquiries of the Board members to find out how the system had gone wrong.

Another commander admitted to the Commission that, yes, the Chief had called in a total of fourteen Board members to have each of them personally explain to him their rationale on various verdicts that were either "not guilty" or inconsistent in their rationales and recommended punishments. This was not intimidation, the commander expounded, just an inquiry. Why, some of those captains had even been later promoted!

The president of the Urban League addressed the Commission and urged the Commission not to set the reform of the Los Angeles Police Department back by reducing the Chief's power to administer discipline. The leader of the American Civil Liberties Union expressed her support of the Chief's discipline program. Funny how the so-called champions of civil liberties have difficulties discerning police officers as people with basic rights of due process.

In the end, the Commission did not change the makeup of the Board of Rights. But the League had forced the Department into a defensive position and negated the Department's attack on the Charter.

The Department had proposed that the thirty-day pay now granted to an officer who has been relieved from duty pending a Board of Rights should be abolished. The officer's pay, in the Department's view, should immediately be terminated as soon as he or she is served with the notice of suspension. (The "Starve 'Em into Submission" Proposal)

The Department had proposed that there should be exceptions to the one year statute of limitations to file

charges against an officer once the Department becomes aware of the misconduct. One year isn't long enough, the Department argued. (The "Never Allow a Miscreant to Transfer or Promote" Proposal)

The Department had proposed that the right to select any officer of the rank of lieutenant and below be abolished. The Department would staff a permanent "defense representative" unit. Members of the unit would be selected and supervised by the Department. An accused officer would be assigned to a representative within the unit by the Department for the defense of his or her case. (The "Shadow Internal Affairs Defense Representative Unit" Proposal)

The Department had proposed to eliminate defense representation completely for Boards of Rights of officers accused of misconduct outside the scope of their duties. Such officers would have to pay for their own representation. (The "Full Attorney Employment" Proposal)

The Department had proposed to eliminate the right of an officer to a transcript of his or her Board of Rights. If the officer wanted a transcript, he or she would have to pay for it. (The "Make 'Em Squeal Before They Can Appeal" Proposal)

All of these proposals were blocked by the efforts of the League (and most effectively by Director Dennis P. Zine, one of the elected Commissioners). In fact, a couple of more favorable provisions were added to the proposed City Charter. If an officer, through no fault of his or her own, does not complete a Board of Rights within sixty days, another thirty days of pay is authorized, in addition to the first thirty days of pay now granted. (The "If They Delay, They Now Must Pay" Proposal)

Secondly, ex parte communications with Board members would now be prohibited by the proposed Charter. (The "Don't Talk or the Accused May Walk" Proposal)

One provision in the proposed Charter may, or may not, be good. An officer under this provision can only be suspended for a maximum of three months, instead of the current six months. On the one hand, a Board of Rights that wants to administer the maximum punishment without termination will only be able to hand out a three month suspension. On the other hand, a Board of Rights that would have given an officer four months off under the old system might feel compelled to terminate the officer under this provision. This would result in more terminations. Under the present Chief, I would bet on more terminations rather than the other possibility.

Probably the most dangerous proposed Charter change is the removal of Civil Service protection for Deputy Chiefs. The Chief can promote, or demote, a captain or above to, or from, the rank of Deputy Chief, twice a day, if he wants to. Let's see, would this have an influence on the decision of a Board member who knows that the Chief has already determined that an officer is guilty? Duh! (The "To Be, or Not To Be, a Deputy Chief" Proposal).

Like any proposed change in the law in American government, the proposed Charter is the result of compromise. Each voter has to balance the good with the bad. The League's efforts stopped a lot of the bad. The question to be answered is, was enough good added? The League and the Los Angeles Fire-fighters organization do not think so and, as a result, oppose the proposed Charter.

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League went through a lengthy and expensive litigation process, known as the Prop H Lawsuit, when the City tried to alter the cost of living benefits for police officer pensions. We won that lawsuit, but the language that attempted to make that change remained in the Charter, although invalidated by the court. The League and the Firefighters union, UFLAC, pointed out to the Charter Commissions that the Proposed Charter should reflect the change mandated by the court, but our voices were ignored and the old language altering cost of living adjustments is carried over into the Proposed Charter. The language in the Proposed Charter will in all likelihood be invalid, but it's a risk the League prefers

not to take. The cost of re-litigating the same issue would be exorbitant.

The second pension issue of concern to the League deals with the provision in the Charter that denies sworn retirees a medical subsidy until age 55, because that subsidy is tied to what civilians are eligible to receive through their pension system, CERS. Civilians are not eligible to receive a service pension until age 55, so it is illogical to tie sworn benefits to civilian benefits, and denies the union the opportunity to bargain this benefit for its members. The Charter Commissions ignored our pleas to correct this inequity, and in fact made only a pro forma attempt to meet and confer over this and other proposed Charter changes.

It is very disappointing to have to oppose the Proposed Charter. Dennis Zine worked very hard as an Elected Charter Commissioner to ensure our interests were protected. Due to the ef-

forts of the League and the cooperation of the Elected Charter Commission, all of the harmful proposals made by the chief regarding the disciplinary system were defeated. In addition, some minor modifications proposed by the League were approved by both Commissions and are included in the Proposed Charter.

Unfortunately, when we weigh the document as a whole, looking beyond our narrow interests, we have reached the judgement that the existing Charter makes more sense and better serves the City, therefore we must oppose the ballot measure.

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and shameful chapter of our history, during the 1960s and 1970s, many civil rights, Black Power and other politically active groups were secretly targeted by the FBI for prosecution based on their political beliefs. The groups and individuals targeted included Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez, officials of the American Friends Service Committee, National Council of Churches and other civil rights, religious and peace movement leaders.

However, the most vicious and reprehensible acts were taken against the leaders and organizations associated with the Black Power or Black Liberation Movement. Assata Shakur, was a member of the Black Panther Party,

one of the leading groups associated with the Black Liberation Movement. The Black Panther Party was the primary target of U.S. domestic government political harassment and persecution during this era.

This illegal, clandestine political persecution was wrong in 1973, and remains wrong today.

I hope that my position is clear. I hope to see a new era of U.S.-Cuban relations in the future.

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Closing Comments!

If I have offended anyone regarding my remarks concerning the Chief and his continued lack of support for our members, I'm truly sorry you're offended. I continue to go out to roll calls, listening to our members voice their concerns and frustrations with the current management style and lack of internal support. I see the frustration of the officers at these roll calls and the negative impact our Department is making when it comes to our employees. The morale, dedication, commitment, and loyalty are at an all time low and no one appears willing to address this problem.

I find this practice totally unacceptable. The Chief of Police from every other agency that had an officer killed was present. I even saw Chief Art Lopez (Ex-LAPD Deputy Chief) at the event with two of his commanders and officers from his department to show support for one of his officers, who unfortunately lost his wife, a deputy with the Ventura County Sheriffs Department. The mere fact I bring this event to your attention truly bothers me. There is absolutely no excuse other than maybe another officer's injury or death, or even maybe an emergency within the City that should keep a chief from attending such an event. The officers who were recognized gave the ultimate sacrifice to the City, the Department and their family.

These actions are inexcusable. I

don't believe any City Council member, elected official, or citizen of Los Angeles would question the Chief's inability to attend a budgeting meeting, in light of the circumstances surrounding this event. The Chief must lead by example and that begins with recognizing those who work and unfortunately, may die protecting those we serve.

The Chief Uses P.A.B. Memorial Rite to Lash Out at League

On May 10, 1999, the Los Angeles Police Department memorialized those who were killed in the line of duty at the memorial services in front of Parker Center. In previous years, the Protective League supported the event financially and presented those surviving family members a shadow box which included a flag that had been flown over the State Capitol. The Chief of Police decided this year would be different and ordered Public Affairs to remove the Protective League from the agenda. These actions clearly used a tragedy to promote the Chief's petty and childish behavior.

The Protective League did not want this information out prior to the event because those involved in the ceremony would only be hurt. This is an event that should put all differences aside when it comes to disputes or labor issues. Yet, the Chief clearly showed his lack of class on this occasion.

The Protective League elected to make this a memorable event, and sponsored a luncheon prior to the ceremony. The Los Angeles Police Protective League Board presented surviving family members their shadow box with the flag prior to the memorial services.

The command officers do need to voice their opinions and do what is truly in our Department's best interest. The question everyone is asking? Why won't they voice their opinion and when will they stand up and be heard? The command officers need to assert their leadership ability and be true leaders, not mere followers. The command officers appear to look like that little dog in the window and just wag their head up and down. The true desire of a true leader is getting others to follow your lead not force them into submission. If you, the command officers, really care about the organization and future of our Department, you need to get off your butts and do something.

The Chief of Police position may demand respect. The position may hold us accountable for our actions and demand we perform to a level of excellence. The person holding the position cannot demand we respect him and be successful. The current Chief has clearly demonstrated his inability to gain the members' support and our Department is suffering as a result of his actions. The Chief can continue to try and intimidate the command officers, try and force officers into compliance, and try to promote his plans and policies, but in the end, history will obviously repeat itself. The history and record of management by force has clearly shown to be a failure.

I strongly urge the Chief to turn things around and be the leader this organization needs and demands. The organization will follow your lead, if you would only take the time and show the employees you care about them as employees and assert a genuine attitude of concern, not a cosmetic approach for appearance purposes. The Chief's photo on every Chief's correspondence may look good to you, but your work force knows better.



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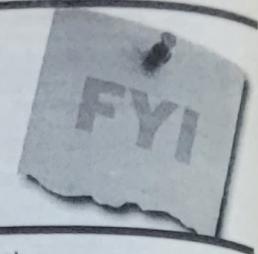
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The Unproductive Police Executive

by Keith D. Bushey

The unproductive police executive is a critical, often neglected topic. In far too many instances, marginal performance on the part of a long-tenured police executive is seen as an acceptable norm. Considering the critical need for exceptional leadership, strong and innovative administrative skills, and pro-activity in order to deal with today's special challenges, our organizations cannot afford leaders who fail to lead. *It is important to not lose sight of the fact that in a challenging and dynamic environment the efficient and effective management of the status quo is not leadership!* A harmful trait frequently exhibited by the unproductive executive is a degree of devil's advocacy that often results in near paralysis, with the initiative and energy of subordinates being unnecessarily stifled. Those who suggest that such an individual, while of questionable suitability for a command, can still be productive in a staff assignment are mistaken. The need for energetic and dynamic leaders is equally strong for both staff and command officers.

I am not aware of any organization that factors decreased energy and productivity into a declining salary scale for senior executives; to the contrary, such persons are typically among the highest paid and best compensated members of our departments, predicated on the assumption of the highest levels of performance and leadership! Successful private corporations do not tolerate the continued presence of an unproductive person in a position of special trust and responsibility. As guardians of the public trust and given the honor of leading wonderful men and women who perform critical and often thankless tasks, our standards must be equally demanding.

Command Assignments

The unproductive executive in a command assignment is devastating to a police organization! *Worse, the degradation is often not recognized as the organization gradually adjusts to a decrease in leadership and energy.* The consequences of a marginal commanding officer are many, including: failure to truly understand the needs of a community and allocate resources accordingly; failure to adequately fight crime and deal with issues that affect public safety; failure to adequately investigate crimes; failure to pursue the recovery of victims'

property; toleration of mediocre performance; failure to provide support and recognition to deserving personnel; failure to hold problem personnel adequately accountable for their actions; failure to ensure adequate processes that yield the best candidates for advancements and special assignments; failure to pursue questionable disability claims; degradation of community support; increased cynicism and overall dysfunction throughout a command where subordinate managers are left to their own devices in grappling with issues that require high-level command and coordination.

The highly visible nature of most command assignments further intensifies the myriad of consequences associated with an unproductive executive. This reality magnifies the unproductive traits of a high-level leader, which collectively present a poor example for subordinates, raises legitimate questions of hypocrisy with respect to prevailing expectations, and sends the wrong message to other officials and to the public.

Staff Assignments

The adverse consequences of an unproductive executive in a staff assignment are arguably even greater than his or her unproductive command counterpart. The unproductive staff officer, as opposed to having a negative impact on a single command, most often has a devastating impact on the entire organization, with severity that varies depending upon the specific assignment. Once again, *the degradation is often not recognized as the organization gradually adjusts to a decrease in leadership and energy.*

Like his or her unproductive counterpart in a command assignment, the adverse consequences of a marginal executive in a staff assignment are many, such as: failure to pursue policies, procedures, and resources that command officers need to effectively manage their workforce; failure to ensure the prompt and appropriate resolution of conflicts, grievances, lawsuits, and related difficulties; the unnecessary loss and/or settlement of claims and lawsuits (often capitulating to less experienced and/or overworked government attorneys) which creates horrible precedence and increases the difficulty in managing the work force; increased inappropriate influence of special interests and/or vendors; and other problematic situations that would not exist, or which would be greatly mitigated, had the staff executive possessed the loyalty and energy truly required of the position.

Conclusion

It is critical that we set aside personal loyalties and tenure considerations in the selection and retention of subordinate executives. A simple inventory can help determine whether a person is continuing to advance the organization. Ask yourself what programs, policies, and/or initiatives the individual has been responsible for that were truly the product of his or her initiative, imagination, or vision? Ask yourself also if the individual creates and maintains a progressive environment, or if he or she exhibits a degree of devil's advocacy that often results in near-paralysis, and has the effect of stifling the initiative and creativity of subordinates? Finally, remember that the efficient and effective management of the status quo, including responding to unavoidable situations, is not leadership.

Those of us who have the honor of leading law enforcement organizations were selected based upon a belief that we would provide the best possible leadership, apply the strongest management principles, protect the public to the very best of our abilities, and do the best job we possibly can. We violate that trust when we fail to insist that *energy, enthusiasm, initiative, and pro-activity* are among the qualities expected of our key personnel. Our subordinate executives are highly visible to our personnel, civic leaders, and to the communities we serve. Their strengths and weaknesses are abundantly clear to all and are a continuous reflection of our own leadership and effectiveness.

Those who argue that civil service procedures are so rigid as to prevent the decisive handling of an unproductive executive suffer from the same lack of en-

ergy and initiative as the unproductive executive! Is it always easy? Of course not, but we hold the positions that we do in part because our appointing authorities had confidence in our abilities to deal with and resolve troubling situations. Certainly, our initial strategy must be positive, extensive, and intended to revitalize the unproductive executive. Should efforts to revitalize such individuals fail, it is important that we resist the temptation to suffer in silence and wait for the person to retire. We must take reasonable and necessary measures to ensure that key personnel are worthy of the positions they hold. Our department, our personnel, and the citizens we serve deserve nothing less.

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Crime Fighters Paying The Price

By Craig W. Floyd

The FBI recently reported that the number of serious crimes in the United States dropped five percent during the first half of 1998. That's the good news. And, it comes on the heels of a nearly seven percent decrease in crime from 1996 to 1997 - a period in which the nation's murder rate plummeted to its lowest level in 30 years. In fact, crime has been on a steady decline throughout our country since 1993.

Here's the bad news. Despite this dramatic drop in violence, there is at least one group of Americans who are not experiencing this increased level of safety - our nation's law enforcement officers. These courageous crime fighters appear to be winning the war, but at considerable cost. Since crime began its steady downward slide in 1993, roughly 950 federal, state and local law enforcement officers have lost their lives in the performance of duty. That averages out to 158 police deaths each year, or one officer killed somewhere in America roughly every 54 hours.

Unlike our declining crime statistics, the fatality figures for our law enforcement officers are not getting any better. In fact, the number of officers killed during the past six years has remained eerily constant. There were 153 line of duty deaths in 1993, 170 in 1994, and

172 in 1995. Law enforcement fatalities did drop significantly in 1996 to 133, but the very next year soared again by nearly 23 percent to 163 deaths, and in 1998 the number of officers was 156. Noteworthy, too, is the fact that assault against police officers also rose by about five percent from 1996 to 1997, despite a three percent drop in violent crime nationwide.

Consider also that those fatality figures would have been a lot higher if not for better police training and the use of improved equipment, especially bullet-resistant vests. According to records kept by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the DuPont Company, more than 2,300 police lives have been saved by these vests over the past two decades.

This past summer, when gunfire erupted in the U.S. Capitol, millions of Americans awakened to the shocking reality of what it means to be a law enforcement officer. U.S. Capitol Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut was killed for one reason and one reason only. He was a cop. Like so many other law enforcers, Officer Chestnut became an unsuspecting target simply because he wore a uniform and a badge. Detective John Gibson heard the shots being fired and knew the danger that was fast approaching, but instead of fleeing and ducking for cover, he stood

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Year	Deaths*	Assaults**	Injuries**
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1990	152	72,270	26,234
1991	148	62,852	23,632
1992	157	81,252	29,657
1993	153	66,975	24,044
1994	170	64,912	23,174
1995	172	56,686	16,156
1996	133	46,695	14,989
1997	163	49,151	13,123
1998	156	Not Available	Not Available

AVERAGE

160 deaths per year

62,552 assaults per year

21,433 injuries per year

*Source: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Washington, D.C.

**Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation.

his ground and confronted the crazed assassin with all the firepower he could muster. He saved countless lives, while sacrificing his own.

As hard as it may be for some to grasp, the extraordinary level of service and sacrifice displayed by the U.S. Capitol Police on July 24 was typical of what occurs on a daily basis at law enforcement agencies across our nation. Just consider, for example, that 13 other law enforcement officers were killed during the same month of July - all in the line of duty. They were killed in Cleveland by a drug dealer and in New York City by a teenager with a gun. In Texas two federal agents were gunned down by a murder suspect and a third died of a heart attack after breaking up a fight.

They were struck by a vehicle while directing traffic in Alabama. They were run over by a drunk driver in California and by a trucker in Indiana. They died in car crashes in North Carolina, Utah and Wisconsin. They were gunned down in Florida while responding to a dispute between a tenant and landlord. In fact, just a few hours before the

shootings at the U.S. Capitol, a funeral was held a short distance away for another slain officer in Washington, D.C. Worst of all, July 1998 was a pretty normal month for law enforcement. The name changes, but the numbers and the circumstances seldom do.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the number of full-time state and local law enforcement officers grew by more than 68,000 between 1992 and 1996, an increase of more than 19 percent. Together with the nearly 75,000 federal law enforcement officers sworn to protect us, we now have almost 740,000 lawmen and women who are looking out for our safety. That is more officers on duty than at any time in our history.

A greater number of law enforcement officers doing a better job than ever before is being credited as a major reason for the drop in our nation's crime rate. But, unfortunately, that also means more officers in harm's way. In other words, the price of a safer America is being paid for by the blood of our police officers. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

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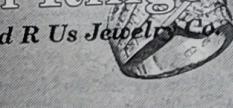
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I truly hope that all of you will take part in this lasting way to remember our friend and brother. I was one of the officers with Brian that night, so this means a great deal to me to have a reminder that will last and not be tarnished or destroyed. I hope you all feel the same way and will join Pacific Division in honoring Brian's memory.

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Throughout history, more than 900 federal, state and local law enforcement officers have been struck by vehicles and killed in the United States. It is the third highest cause of death among police officers, behind shootings and automobile accidents.

The first known case of an officer being run over by an automobile happened on March 21, 1913, when Detroit Police Officer James M. Griffin fell off his horse and was run over by a truck while performing crowd control duties during a parade.

Directing traffic can be a hazardous job, too. According to records compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), roughly one out of five officers who were struck and killed by vehicles were directing traffic at the time of their injury.

In more than 150 cases where officers, while outside their patrol cars, have been struck and killed by other

cars or trucks, alcohol was a contributing factor. One of those officers killed was William H. Everett, a 65-year-old deputy with the Rice County (KS) Sheriff's Office. In a terrible, tragic twist of fate, Deputy Everett was investigating a report of a single-car accident on the evening of November 24, 1954. There was no vehicle when he arrived on the scene, but moments later the same car involved in the earlier accident smashed into the deputy, severing his leg and causing him to bleed to death at the scene. The driver was under the influence of alcohol.

The NLEOMF works to help make sure officers like Deputy Everett are remembered. They erected a memorial in Washington, D.C., that features the names of law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty.

For more information about the memorial, or to donate, you can write:

**National Law Enforcement
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605 E Street, NW
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You can also see the Internet site at www.nleomf.com.

Poet's Corner

JUST WHO WE ARE

When it's time to go
we must know
things will only improve

We shed our skin
forsake our sins
and freely have room to move

To be who we are
just who we are
without any complication

To witness all things
without physical strings
to revel in all salvation

To finally have time on our side
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To laugh, to dance, to praise
to exist in the Heavenly gaze
to, at last, be completely alive

- Mason Grace



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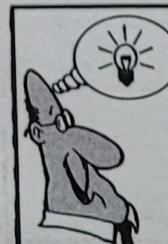
A little boy's smile
That's how a mother sees her son
A young man's admiring eye
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A super hero

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and sees a perfect human being
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- By Meagan Martin (wife of Officer Bill Martin)



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Smokey - A Police Horse - End Of Watch

by Dale Rickards, #3593

I have always been a firm believer in God, my country, and my family. I have often wondered if in heaven there is just some small corner where the grass grows belly deep for horses like Smokey, and how I hope she will be running with the two favorite horses I rode when I was with the Horse Cavalry, Ranger and Two Socks.

Smokey was LAPD from start to finish, born on a quarter horse ranch in the mother lode and owned by Sgt. Bert Dole. Bert and I walked into the horse pasture, Bert whistled and this 3-year-old, unbroken filly came a running. I was in love. Smokey was a blue dun, grullo, or clay bank in color, depending on which horse country one is from.

If there were three women in this world with Smokey's disposition, I would have married all three. Fortunately I married one of them.

I had owned and ridden some good police horses and some not so good, but Smokey was the best. In those days we owned our own horses. The City (Parks and Rec.) paid the subsistence. (I never did figure that one out), but I still think it was a good arrangement. If the horse

did not work out, unload him and get another. Horses are just like people—some make good police officers and some do not.

Spooks, for a horse working in a park, come in all sizes and descriptions. Bouncing balls, fluttering blankets, kids screaming and running, and, of course, many encounters with cars, loud-mouth drunks and gang fights. Those were Smokey's favorites. Like the time I stopped this real loser. While writing the ticket, he is petting Smokey. By this time Smokey could pretty well choose the good guys from the bad. So what does she do but blow her nose, blowing snot all over the guy's shirt. He threatened to sue me for police brutality.

Then there was the time on a 4th of July night that a major gang fight was in progress. Bobby Bruggeman, my partner, and I made a good old Cavalry charge. We broke up the major 415. There were so many purple hearts that night and our two horses should have been awarded a silver star for their exceptional bravery and pure guts. If that were to happen today, it would break the city in suits. For you younger guys, on the department, the old days did have their moments of glory.

In 1973, Smokey and me both retired from the LAPD. I had been wrangling horses and wagons on "Little House on the Prairie" as a second job, so I went full-time wrangling. When "Little House" folded, I started my own western prop house and locations. Smokey became a star. We both worked with several stars but two are worth mentioning. James Coburn used Smokey in a documentary. When I told him of her background, he changed the script, used her name and gave her a big hug.

I had furnished props and Smokey for a shoot with James Garner. The scene was a camp fire and it was about 1:00 a.m. We were all tired and cold. Since Garner had been in an accident he was pretty stove up and sore, so he changed the scene to where he would walk into camp carrying the horse's bridle. He then explained his horse had gotten away and how much he loved that filly. Part of my props for this scene was an old iron pot sitting near the fire. I had just traded for this item. It had been sitting in a friend's horse corral and had about an inch of manure in the bottom. I had just knocked out what was loose and set it in place. When I returned from putting Smokey away, someone had filled the pot with about a gallon of beans and here was James Garner, eating them. I could see manure floating on the top. This is one of those times . . . do you tell the truth, lie, or just plead the 5th Amendment? Garner was still shooting "Rockford Files," and a friend of mine was assistant director, so I told

him the truth. Some time later, my friend told Garner. He laughed and said, "Well, they sure did taste bad."

Smokey died at the age of 25 with a twisted gut. It was the worst night of my life. Cold, miserable, and the wind was blowing a gale. I sat with her through most of the night. If tears were silver and gold, I would have been a millionaire. Where she died was one of her favorite spots, down a draw under a big old tree. Her good buddy was a mini mule named Minnie Poo. For a week after her death, Minnie Poo would not leave the spot. I would have to lead her up to be fed. I buried Smokey in my pasture, and on that day my old dog, Toughie, jumped in the hole to be with his friend.

Fiddler's Green is a horse cavalry legend. No one knows of its origin. It is a place between heaven and hell. It is covered with green grass and there is a bubbling creek running bank full of good water. Any dead cavalryman either going up or down can stop, feed his horse, fill his canteen and stay as long as he wishes. No other military personnel are allowed to stop at "Fiddler's Green." Maybe, God picked this spot for our faithful friends, the horse. When it's "end of watch" for me, I think I will just go code 3 to "Fiddler's Green" and perhaps God will have read this story and there will be Ranger, Two Socks, and my good horse, Smokey. What a reunion that will be.

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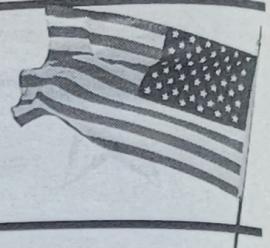
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This is a continuous examination. The final filing date has not yet been established.

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VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

American Legion News

Commander Gail Tam, 381

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(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz
160 N. Glendora Avenue
Covina, CA 91724
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Legion Calendar Upcoming Events

Our next Post meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 15, at the Police Academy. This is our annual BBQ and get-together. A large number of old timers will be present. We encourage all members to attend this annual outdoor BBQ. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be served. Join us and plan to enjoy good fellowship.

June 16th-20th is the California State Department Convention in San Diego. If you wish to participate, please call our adjutant immediately. We will be installing our Police Post Officers on Saturday, during the convention.

Do not forget, ladies, that June 20th is Father's Day.

Fly Our Flag

Fly the flag every day to show your support for the Flag Amendment. If you can not, then display our flag on June 14th, Flag Day.

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(Editor's note: Thanks to retired LAPD/Metro Division Officer Rich Morgan for this information.)

County Council Service Officer, Director Military and Veterans' Affairs at (213) 744-4825.

Children and Youth, Law and Order and Recognition Awards

On April 16th, the LAPD Police Post 381 participated in the 17th District awards program. Post members present were Frank Flores, Charley and Arlene Meter, Mark and Phyllis Garin and Gail and Kathryn Tam. It was an interesting evening where Boy Scout and ROTC units and individuals were honored. We also recognized two individuals for their contributions to veterans and the American Legion. They were Michael Jackson (KRLA talk radio) and William Burke (Past National Commander and a member of Post #8).

For our part in the ceremonies, I was privileged to present the Law and Order award for heroism to Lt. Col. Roger Furnival. He is currently assigned to the 311th CosCom Command, U.S. Army Reserves, in West Los Angeles. He earned our award while on a shopping trip with his two sons, ages 9 and 15 years. While at the mall, he heard an elderly woman screaming for help. He ran to help and observed two men with knives robbing the woman. The knife did not deter him. He ran to her assistance and confronted the two suspects. Although stabbed in the stomach, he held the two suspects long enough for our officers to arrive and apprehend the suspects.

Flag Day

Flag Day is on June 14th. It commemorates the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes in 1777, by the continental congress. It is a very comforting and inspiring symbol and it lends itself to graphic representation. Americans don't take kindly to people who are waving the flag, but we admire those who show the flag. We don't need to have the symbol waved in our faces, but we are comfortable knowing that what it stands for is still there, still whole, still worth preserving.

Honor Your Flag

I do not know about you but I am proud to be an American, and a veteran who has put his words into action. I did not just talk about Americanism. I actively supported America and what she stands for.

I have noticed lately that at sporting events and parades, etc., that many people did not honor our flag as the Anthem is played, or as the flag is raised or as the flag passes in review. This bothers me. With Flag Day being this month and Independence Day being next month, it is time to again act, to speak out and set a standard again.

We cannot legislate patriotism and force people to salute our flag. We can, however, continue to support our Flag Amendment. The Senate and our Senator Barbara Boxer let our bill die this year. There must be unanimous support and a positive vote for the Flag Amendment in the Senate this year. Please help and call your Senators. Tell them that you support an amendment that will allow laws to be passed to prevent the desecration of the American Flag.

The following was written sometime during the Vietnam War by an unknown author:

Hello, remember me? Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Stars and Stripes; also I have been referred to as the Star Spangled Banner.

But whatever they call me, I am your flag, or, as I proudly state, the flag of the United States of America.

There is something that has been bothering me, so I thought that I might talk it over with you because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago—I think it might have been Memorial Day—people were lined on both sides of the street to watch the parade. The town's high school band was behind me, and naturally I was leading the parade.

When your daddy saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. They taught you in school to place your hand over your heart.

I was very proud as I came down the street. There were soldiers home on leave, and they were standing at attention giving me the military salute. Ladies as well as men, all paying me the reverence that I deserve.

Now I may sound as if I am a little conceited. Well, I am. I have a right to be, because I represent the finest country in the world. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down. But they all felt the fury of this freedom-loving country. You know. You had to go overseas and defend me.

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a couple more stars added since you were a boy. And more blood has been shed since the Memorial Day so long ago.

Dad is gone now. The old town has a new look. The last time I came down your street I saw that some of the old landmarks were gone, but in their place, shining majestically in the sun, were a number of new buildings and homes. Yes sir, the old town sure has changed.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I came down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and give me a small glance then look away.

When I think of all the places I have been—Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, and now Vietnam*—then I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation free? When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Take a look at the Memorial Honor Rolls sometime. Look at the names of those who never came back. Some of them were friends and relatives of yours. Probably went to the same school with some of them. That's who you are saluting. Not me.

Well, it will not be long before I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your hand over your heart, and you'll see me waving back—my salute to you. And I'll know that you remember.

(*Let's update this tribute to include Desert Storm, Bosnia, Somalia, and Kosovo. Also, remember the three American POWs.)

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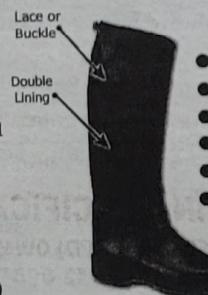
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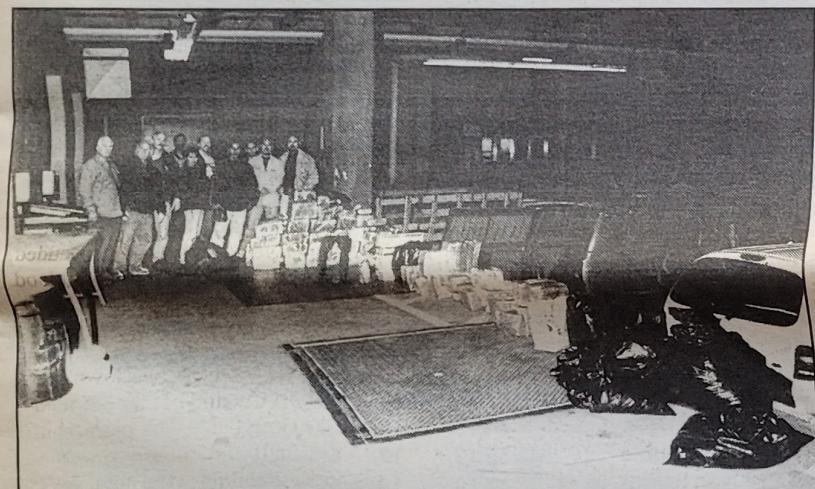
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by Ron Granados
Narcotics Division

77th Squad Scores a Ton of Dope

On March 30, 1999, 77th FES received information from a CI of several Sinaloa Cowboys in possession of a large amount of narcotics at two locations on El Segundo Blvd. in Gardena. Upon conducting the narcotics investigation at the two locations, five Sinaloa Cowboys were taken into custody. During the investigation, it was revealed that three of the suspects



were on parole, with one of the suspects having a felony warrant for being a parole at large. The other two suspects were on felony probation for narcotics violations. During the search of one of the residences on El Segundo Blvd., a utility bill was recovered with another address a few blocks from their location.

With the tenacity of good dope cops, they questioned a female at the location and determined that the address on the utility bill was a stash pad. Immediately upon discovering the information, they conducted a follow-up to a location on South New Hampshire Avenue in Gardena. When they arrived at the location, they secured the residence and obtained a search warrant. Upon service of the search warrant, they discovered numerous "bricks" of marijuana stacked inside the garage of the residence. The tally for the first location was a recovery of 10 pounds of marijuana, 1/2 pound of cocaine, over \$12,000 in cash, and 5 felony suspects. Detectives at the second location recovered over 2,100 pounds of marijuana, \$18,000 in cash and two handguns. The case agents were **Rupert Miley** and **Teresa Rivera**, along with the rest of the 77th Squad (D-III **Frank Goldberg**, **Ralph Acosta**, **Bob Orazio**, **Bob Toledo**, **George Shake**, **Rudy Chavez** and **Sal Duarte**). Good work 77th FES!

Congratulations to the following players: **Mike Mitchell**, **Gary Lopez**, **Ralph Acosta**, **John McKnight**, **Darryl Groce**, **Wayne Okamoto**, **Adrian Parga**, and **Joe Salazar** from Narcotics Division. Also **Sgt. II Greg Montgomery** and **Officer Hugo Gutierrez** from PAB.

Narco News!

Narco retirements for this issue were **Trinka Porrata**, **Tony Alvarez**, **Ed Auerbach**, **Pete Walker**, **Lt. John Weaver**, and **Lt. Milk Dodge**. New narco troops this DP were **Topel**, **Gonzales**, **Spitz**, **Pulido** and **Diaz**. Narco troops that left us were **Valdez**, **Nemeroff**, **Silva**, **Shin**, **Silva**, **Sanchez**, and **Cole**.

In April I took the vows of marriage to my wife, **Sylvia**.

Also, in early April, **Detective II Robert** and his wife **Migdalia Hernandez** became proud parents of a brand new baby boy, **Robert Hernandez III**.

Baker to Vegas

The Narcotics Division Running Team once again lived up to the words "Challenge Cup Relay." After near disaster at leg 15, our team maintained its composure and completed the race. Even with an alternate runner, our team finished 12th in the Open Division and 34th overall. Our finish this year shows we are building a team at Narcotics Division and intend to better our time and place next year. Good job, runners! I would also like to send a great big "thank you" to all the support staff, who without their hard work and effort our team would not have been able to complete the relay. Great job by all those involved! Next year top ten!

Narcotics Basketball Champions

After a respectable 6.4 campaign in the 1997-1998 season, Narcotics Division decided to make a move to upgrade their talent to secure a "C"

Southern Tip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Yeah, Harbor Division has placed in the top 16 of 29 teams for the mixed category. We finished Baker to Vegas with a flurry, that allowed us to come home with a large soda Stein, beer Stein if you're over 30 years old. Captain **Gascon** wrote a nice atta-boy to all involved, and to synopsize his wordy writing, I'll shorten it. Whether a participant who ran a leg or an equipment manager who worked behind the scenes, this year's edition of the Harbor Area Baker to Vegas Team worked tirelessly to make the effort the successful one that it was. This is the first time in some years that we finished in the top sixteen. Lt. **Baranowski** and Officer **Art Ibarra** were commended for their leadership and team coordination. John and Art kept the team on course and focused to the finish line. To all the runners: **Alma Skefich**, **Kim Delosh**, **Matt Saenz**, **Irmina Dumaplin**, **Albert Ornelas**, **Terry Phillips**, **Ron Bremer**, **Lesley Rogers**, **Rogelio Reynoso**, **Vic Pappas**, **Brian Mack**, **Daniel Robbins**, **Fernando Lopez**, **Alex Rojas**, **Philip Watson**, **Bob Loya**, **Javier Retamoza**, **Rafael Mora**, and **Anthony Stewart**, we thank you for toughing it out and finishing in a mug-winning time. The support staff: **Eric Peterson**, **Mary Mason**, **Robert Olmos**, **John Baranowski**, **Lise Ovesen**, **Art Ibarra**, **Robin Lombardi**, **Teri Williams**, **Barry Telis**, **Fanita Goldsmith**, **Carrie Long**, **Jerry Jelenic**, **Randy Childs**, **Anita Whited**, **Richard Henry**, **James Robinson**, **Richard Mendoza**, **Wally Graves**, **Stephanie Ulrich** and **William Joyce** for all the hard work to get the runners there and back. Without their logistical support and their thankless perseverance, this team would never have come out as good as it did.

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by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Herro, herro, herro. Greetings from the home of the *CHAMPIONS!* Yes, sir-ree-bob, it's in the refrigerator, Baker to Vegas 1999 is history and we are a part of it!

Congratulations to Metro Team Red! Back-to-back champs! Numero Uno in the Open category with a winning time of 13 hours, 10 minutes, and 42 seconds! Our winning team consisted of (in leg order): Rick Massa, Marc Rubio, Ivan Ramos, Joe Martinez, Doug Dingman, Keith Provin, Lee McMillion, Jeff Wenninger, Ronnie Daniels, Liferando Garcia, Tony Samuelson, Lou Reyes, Al Lopez, Dan Thompson, R. J. Cottle, Gary Koba, Mike Baker, Matt Bennyworth, Steve Gordon, and Tom Chinappi. Team captain Toy Beard,

Steve Zipperman, Mrs. Laura Beard, Sarah Beard (what a cheerleader!), Randy Andrews, Pete Weireter, Lou Reyes, Rick Kosier, Andy Rea, Mary Davis, Sue Arii-Heger, Mark Jackson, Auston Price, Sharon Lovely, Rich Nagatashi, Lt. Steve La Roche, Patrick Martin, Maria Dimacale, Denise Aoki and Javier Baltazar. In addition to the team's victory, Doug Dingman (leg #5) and Lou Reyes (leg #12) finished first on their legs. Also in the record books is Metro Team Blue finishing 6th in the Open and 10th place overall! Team Blue included Ozzie Crenshaw, Billy Hayes, Chris Collier, Andy Castro, Steve Griffith, Bob Donaldson, Bob Valdez, Rick Anzaldo, Neil Coward, Jaime Rubalcava, John Buckley, Juan



Team Red at the awards ceremony.

Platoon Movement and Star Assignments

Meanwhile back at 114, congratulations to our new K9 Handlers Jeff Miller, Dale Suzuki, and Dave Stambaugh. Re-



Red and Blue Metro Teams.



Rich Rakitis... Rak bringing it home for Team Blue.

along with Coach Pat Connelly, were the brains of the operation. The hard-working staff of the Professional Therapy Group, Director Valerie Sinkus and trainers Tony Tramma and Chris Carodza, provided outstanding support during team training and throughout the race. Special thanks to all support personnel who contributed their time and effort in making success happen: Cmdr. Bruce Hagerty, Capt. Rodger Coombs, Lt.

Sanchez, Bob Gallegos, Jr., Andy Hudlett, George Lopez, Ed Prokop, Mark Richardson, Dennis O'Sullivan and Rich "Rak" Rakitis, and Captains Joe McWilliams and Andrea Balter. Team Blue's top ten finish was the highest for a second team in the history of Baker to Vegas. At the finish line, Red and Blue captured the highest positions of all the LAPD teams. Congratulations to the best of the best... enjoy!

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Maternity Ward

Congrats to Joenader "Nepo" Nepomuceno (Metro Calvary) and wife Suzanne on the birth of their second child, Sean. Sean made his grand entrance on April 21st, weighing in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and 18-1/2 inches long. Momma and baby are doing well.

Another First Place Finish... A Different Mission

On April 25th, the annual Charity Relay Race to benefit the Ronald McDonald Children's Charity House was held at Cal State Long Beach. Fourteen SWAT officers competed in the event completing the 87-mile race in nine hours. The event raised \$160,000, including a \$1,500 contribution from D team officers. In addition to capturing a first place finish, the team was awarded a special award for their sportsmanship. Kathy Hunt supported the running effort as the team's statistician. Runners included: Lt. Tom Runyan, Jeff Tepich, Rick Massa, Mike Baker, Todd Rheingold, Steve Gordon, Rich Rakitis, R. J. Cottle, Bruce Hunt, Troy Thomas, Joe Witty, Mark Richardson, Marc Rubio, and Lee McMillion. Congratulations gentlemen, on your outstanding effort. R-10 girl, clear.

HOW METRO'S RED TEAM DID IT AGAIN

Leg	Runner	Time*	
1.	Rick Massa	34:07	15. Robert Cottle 38:48
2.	Mark Rubio	36:19	16. Gary Koba 41:05
3.	Ivan Ramos	48:19	17. Mike Baker 40:08
4.	Joe Martinez	36:46	18. Matt Bennyworth 40:29
5.	Doug Dingman	37:01	19. Steve Gordon 36:22
6.	Keith Provin	40:05	20. Tom Chinappi 37:31
7.	Lee McMillion	40:43	
8.	Jeff Wenninger	47:40	
9.	Ron Daniels	44:46	
10.	Liferando Garcia	38:46	
11.	Anthony Samuelson	36:18	
12.	Lou Reyes	32:34	
13.	Al Lopez	47:14	
14.	Danny Thompson	35:30	

*Legs vary in distance and difficulty

ALTERNATES: Enrique Anzaldo, Neil Coward, Ozzie Crenshaw, Andy Hudlett, Mark Jackson, Ron McCall, Auston Price, Rick Rakitis, Steve Zipperman.

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All★American Division 77th

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

25 and Counting

Congratulations to Sgt. Sam Cummings, Senior PSR Patsy Taylor, and PSR Jeanetta Adams on receiving their "25 Year Pin." No one is talking on whether or not they will soon be "pulling the pin," but that's a good thing, because this division appreciates their wisdom and maturity. Keep up the good work!

Caps and Gowns

77th Street is proud to announce that this summer four of its employees will be receiving some very prestigious college degrees. Lt. Gloria Vargas will receive her MA in business management from the University of Phoenix, Sgt. Ed Dadisho will receive his BS in business management from the University of Phoenix, Officer Ronecia McCoy will receive her MS in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling from the California State University-Dominguez Hills, and Officer Dawn Earley will receive her BS in Criminal Justice from the California State University at Los Angeles. Outstanding job by all. We are very proud of you guys!

Detective Boots

Congratulations to Officers John Ayala, Arnold Porter, and Lisa Wedekin on your new Detective Trainee spots. This is indeed a positive

move on your parts. May you continue the tradition of being "overworked and underpaid" as a 77th Detective Trainee.

Overworked, Underpaid, and Stressed . . .

Just had to add that little other known description of what it is like to work patrol these days, but hey, we get that "patrol incentive pay," and even though we don't do our job for the money, it is a nice "special touch" to hitting those streets every day, and chasing the radio.

And then there are those promotions that make it all worth while as well . . .

P3+1 **Marty Martinez**, our new shining star! See buddy, all good things come in time, and you were way overdue. I'd welcome you to the Senior Lead Unit, but we are part of patrol now (ha!). You can count on me to be by your side on your new adventure, just like always! The same holds true for our new "P3s": Officer **Greg Garcia**, Officer **Kristen Kolenda**, Officer **Ron Masterson**, Officer **Owen Mills** and Officer **Jay Nam**. Play like a champion today!

Von Lutzow's Big Boy

Officer Bob Bermudez has been chosen to be our athlete of the month. Lt. **Paul Von Lutzow** was Officer Bermudez's major supporter! The lieutenant has a great deal of respect when it comes to Bob's dedication in maintaining his workout program and for the positive outlook on working out that Bob encourages upon his peers at 77th Street. This enthusiasm is appreciated, especially with the challenge from Foothill regarding the weight lifting contest. In addition to breaking championship records at the department's weight lifting contest, our lieutenant brought it to my attention that our very own Officer Bob Bermudez is also a

national icon, in that no other division has a champ who resembles the "Bob's Big Boy Restaurant" statue. Gee Bob, you are indeed a hero! Congratulations, sir!!

Two Angels for Kimberly

On April 4, 1999 (Easter Sunday), Mrs. Kimberly Weurz was blessed with a miracle. Officer **Bobby Crees** and Officer **Shawn Connolly** were driving westbound on Florence Avenue when they were flagged down by a citizen who directed their attention to a fire at a multistory apartment complex. The officers realized that quick action was necessary and put out their request for assistance. The smoke from the building was excessive, but that did not stop the officers' actions. They responded to the second floor and ascertained which apartment was the source of the fire. The officers determined from the citizens who resided in the apartment complex that there could possibly be a 40-year-old female still inside and needing assistance. The officers door-knocked the residence with no response. With the fire department still not on-scene, the officers made the decision to force entry into the location hoping that they were in time and that a possible life could be saved. Once inside the location, the fire and smoke was so intense that the officers had to search the location by crawling from room to room to avoid smoke inhalation. The officers located Mrs. Weurz at the door of the master bedroom. Still breathing, the officers managed to remove Mrs. Weurz from the location. LAFD Battalion Chief Yamahata be-

lieved that the acts of bravery and courage displayed on this night by these two officers saved this family from a tragedy. The community members who live in the complex were so very proud of these officers. The apartment manager told supervisors that the officers were not afraid of the piercing fire. They put their own lives on the line and ran towards the fire because they felt that there was someone in the apartment who needed to be saved. One community member stated that she had phoned the fire department about the fire, but these two police officers just appeared out of nowhere, and with no regard for their own safety, moved in towards the danger in hope of saving another human life.

Not only was the community in awe of these officers' actions, David M. Yamahata, Commander, Battalion 18, "B" Platoon, LAFD, has nominated Officer Bobby Crees and Officer Shawn Connolly for the Fire Department Medal of Valor.

Brother officers Bobby Crees and Shawn Connolly, this division is indeed proud of all of your efforts, and for the example that you have shown the rest of this division family. I dedicate this *Blue Line* article to the two of you, for you have taken our department motto—"to protect and to serve"—to a higher level.

In closing, we need to remember: "When we do the best that we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or the life of another."

Angel blessings to all of us in this "City of Angels."

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

Welcome home to Army Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez, Army Staff Sergeant Christopher J. Stone, and Army Specialist Steven M. Gonzales. Happy Memorial Day to all veterans and all our Armed Forces personnel around the world. We owe all of you a great deal of thanks for the freedom we enjoy every day. To those of you that made the ultimate sacrifice, we owe you more than words can say.

Northeast Running Team

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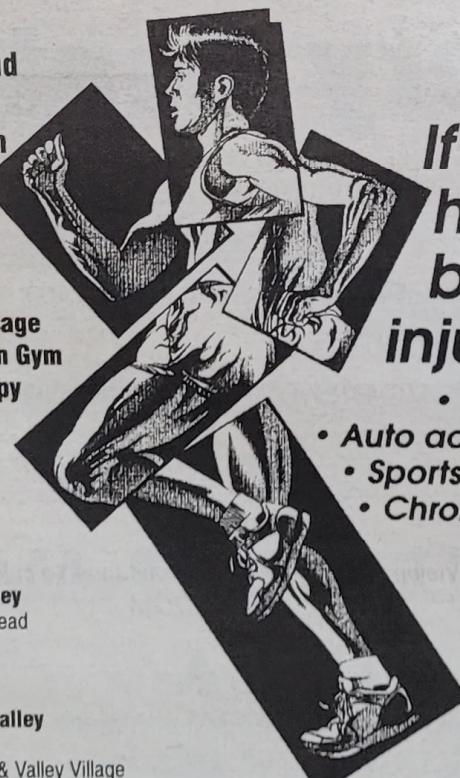
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Officers of the Quarter

The Northeast Area CRASH Unit is proud to announce the selection of P-2 Ismael Gonzalez, #32849, and P-2 Michael Arteaga, #32722, as its Officers of the First Quarter, 1999. Officer Gon-

Childs Play, Vince Carreon my way-
ward son, Chris Cooper tires, Glen the
king and I, Jose Gomez Adams, Bob
6th & Alvarado, Harold Marinelli
sparkling apple cider, Sara Roman
candle, Jerry Rowe vs. Wade, Daniel
Sears and Roebuck, James the Sands
of Iwojima, Jason Teter totter, Robert
I can see for Miles and miles, Ken can
of Korn, Leroy H and R Block, Tom
Baker's dozen, and Sandra Farias
wheel.

Northeast Softball

The Northeast Softball Teams are both experiencing consecutive game streaks. The N/E #1 team has won five games in a row while the N/E #2 team is headed in the opposite direction. The N/E #2 team has lost four in a row. N/E #1's victims have been Transit (17-14), Rampart (12-11), Metro (17-5), and Hollywood (14-13). N/E #2 fell to Hollenbeck (15-26), DSD (14-17), and Central (forfeit). Continued success to N/E #1 and good luck to N/E #2.

Promotions

Here are the most recent N/E promotions: Captain Louis Gray to Com-
mander, Lt-1 Soliman Polen to Lt-2
(remains), Sgt. Rick Angelos to Lt-1
(from IAG), P-3 Cathy Brooks to Det-
1 (from DEV), and P-2 Pam Pitcher to
Det-1 (to Pacific). Congratulations and
best of luck to all of you on your new
assignments.

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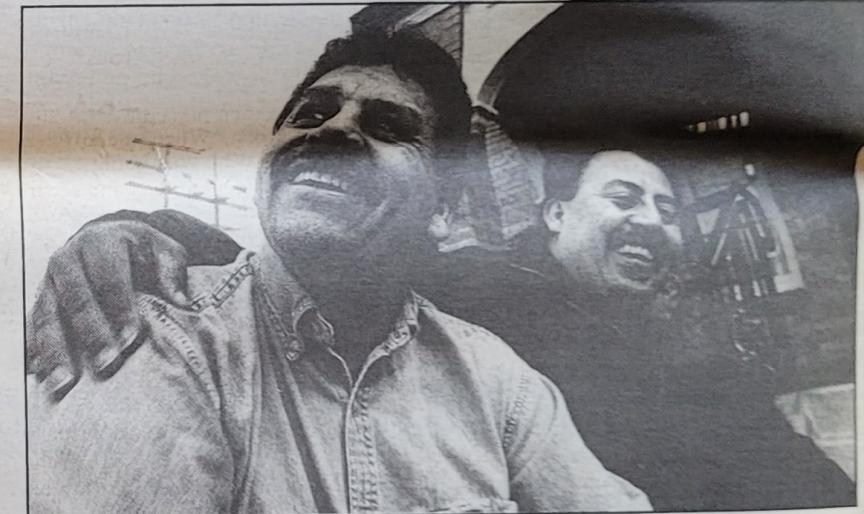
Thank you to Lupe Salazar (man-
ager), Agnes Diggs (writer), and Caro-
lyn Cole (photographer) of the *L.A.*
Times for supplying me with the photo
of Officer Hugo Trujillo and his



Michael Arteaga (left) and Ismael Gonzalez.

zalez and Officer Arteaga are an asset to the unit due to their tireless efforts, professionalism, and expertise. For six consecutive months they led CRASH in felony and misdemeanor arrests, narcotic seizures and gun seizures. They provided N/E fees with narcotic information that led to successful narcotic search warrants.

They are presently assigned to handle the Cypress Park Street Gang. They have developed a solid rapport with the community that has led to the arrests of many repeat offenders. They possess excellent communication and writing



Hugo Trujillo (left) and Oscar Trujillo.

skills. Ismael and Mike provide the highest degree of service on a daily basis. They reflect the highest standards set forth by the LAPD and are most deserving of their selections.

Anniversary Dates

Congratulations to the following Northeast personnel on their recent anniversary milestones: Officer Sgt. William Clements, #20607, (25 years of service), Det. William Longacre, #20789, (25 years of service), SLO Sam Salazar, #20650 (25 years of service), and Sgt. Bradley Young, #20753 (25 years of service).

The Name Game

I took a few names of NE personnel and made some slight adjustments. It was all done in fun and not meant to offend anyone. **Byron Young** and the restless, **Gary One Hour FeAuto**, **Jeff**

Bienvenidos

The following personnel have just transferred in to Northeast Division. Welcome aboard and good luck to all of you: Officers **M. Estrada** (77th), **E. Sundstrom** (CENT), **H. Olivera** (VNY), **G. Rivas** (WIL), and **J. Johnson** (WVAL).

Adios

The last transfer finds Northeast Division losing only probationary officers: **I. Lowe**, **O. Bazulto**, **H. Alvarado**, **J. Cortez-Amaya**, and **S. Roman**. I must have had too much to drink at your off probation party, 'cause I can't remember anything from that night. It's almost as if the five of you didn't even have one.

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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

In the news again . . .

PCP III **Marlene Greenfield** is in the news one more time. This time she was honored by the Department for currently being the "most senior non-sworn member" of the Los Angeles Police Department. Marlene started her employment with the city of Los Angeles



Marlene Greenfield... 49 years and still smiling.

les in 1950. She then transferred to the Los Angeles Police Department in 1951. In 1967, she became the Principal Clerk Police, and was assigned to "Venice" Division. She promoted to Principal Clerk Police II in 1972, and Principal Clerk III in 1984. Marlene assisted in the organization of the Department Records Managers, which is now called Area Records Managers Association (ARMA). For the past 48 years Marlene has shown her continued support and dedication to this Department, winning her the respect and recognition of the residents of the city of Los Angeles, and the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. Geez, what will we do when she reaches 50?? Thanks, Marlene, from everyone at Pacific Area!

No Common Sense Criminal

Recently, Officers **Greg Staats** and **Sam Cho** responded to a "Burglary suspects there now" call. The comments of the call indicated that the person reporting was possibly 5150, and that two unknown males were at the victim's door and windows, possibly armed with



Sgt. John Pasquariello and Senior PSR Adriane Ables check the time book for a day off.

guns. The officers arrived to the location and checked the exterior area, but were unable to locate any suspects or witnesses. After Officers **Greg Owens**, **Bill Snowden**, and **Anderson** arrived, they met with the PR through the security gate, and asked him to step out. The officers recognized him as a named robbery suspect who had been wanted for the past two months. The officers asked the PR/suspect his name, and he responded with the same name as on the "wanted/armed and dangerous" robbery flyer.

The officers then placed the PR/suspect under arrest. When the officers advised him that he was going to jail, he asked the officers to feed and secure his dog inside his residence. The officers agreed and entered. They then discovered heroin and two silver replica automatic handguns in plain view. So, not only was a warrant arrest made, but evidence too! And the suspect matched the description (except for a fake beard) of a fast food bandit who'd robbed several local restaurants in weeks prior to this incident . . . after the arrest, the robberies stopped. So, the moral of this story? Keep your eyes open, know what's going on in the division, and never assume anything. Your victim

can be a suspect too. And for the PR/suspect, go ahead, call the police, even if you're wanted. We have an equal opportunity jail facility and love to catch the bad guy, even if it is by accident!

Pre-Inspection

The detectives recently had a "pre-inspection" preparing them for the divisional inspection. What a sight it was.



Captain Miller shows Detective Depasquale how to lock the slide on his 9mm.

Everyone looked sharp. But I'm confused. Aren't our hands supposed to be behind our backs while standing at parade rest, and not in our pockets??

Baker to Vegas

This year's team had a great time and finished overall (out of 200+ teams) in

61st place, and an awesome 13th in the mixed category. This is a great improvement over teams in the past! We would like to thank the runners for putting their bodies through this invigorating workout to represent Pacific Area, as well as the support crew who did a fantastic job, especially the singing! See ya next year!

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who have recently promoted: Det. II **Synthia Lee**, who is headed for IAG, and the following new Detectives, **Charlie Jensen**, who is headed for VNYS (gonna miss ya, Charlie), **Pitcher**, who is in from NE, and **Terrones**, who is in from SB. Best of luck!

Movin' In

We would like to welcome the following people into our midst: Sgt. **Vanduyne** in from SW, **Silva** and **Williams** over from SE, **Newton** in from Metro, **Griffin** and **Nichols** in from TBD, **Higareda** in from CENT, **Mason** over from HARB, **Rand** over from VNYS, **Topete** in from WVAL, and our very own special pair of boots, **Tango & Cash**, I mean **Mkrtyan** (give me a vowel . . . smile). Welcome to the wonderful world of Pacific!

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to Officers **McCarthy** who is headed for 77th, and **Simola** who is off to TBD. Best wishes!

Happy June, and don't forget Father's Day on the 20th. Have a good one all you dads!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Area

Foothill Patrol

Sitting in at day watch roll call and Sgt. II **Jim Brady** is talking about a lesson to be learned; instead of trying to drive around to catch the big elephant, look at the little investigation, which can turn into a major arrest.

Prime example: On April 21, 1999, at 1230 hours, Officer **V. Rios**, #32405, and **M. Wratten**, #32818, responded to radio call of a theft suspect at 16138 Yarnell St. in the city of Sylmar. Once at the location, the officers observed a possible male suspect on the offramp of the 210 freeway and Yarnell St. When the two officers attempted to detain him, a brief foot pursuit ensued and the suspect was taken into custody. During the chase, the suspect had dropped a woman's purse, which contained identification indicating the purse did not belong to the suspect. Officers conducting further investigation located a witness, who stated that the suspect had stated he had committed a burglary and stole the purse.

The officers conducted a follow-up investigation to the owner of the purse, who stated she was a victim of an unreported "hot prowl" several days earlier.

By these officers using their initiative, teamwork and great investigation skills they were able to clear multiple DR # for burglaries in the area. Great job.

Foothill Detectives

Juvenile detectives are doing a great job, led by **D-3 Bossier**, **D-1 Olivares**, and **P-3 Koeller** who investigate and monitor the activity of all the juveniles in the area. With the efforts of this investigator, juvenile crimes had a dramatic decrease in crime. The juvenile school car officers are **P-2s Andrew Barkman** and **Susanne Berndt**. These officers are working with **Lt. II Pape**, OIC Detective Section, on threat prevention for the local middle schools and high schools in Foothill Area. Due to the recent key event in Colorado, these officers initiated this project to prevent any type of incident in our community. This project will be presented to all school administrators, school police and behavioral science. These officers have investigated two incidents in the area.

CAD - Crime Analyst Detail

This detail is made up of officers and civilians. Officers **Richard Stocks**, #23314, and **Eileen Staender**, #22280, led this unit with the help of **Cecil Coronel**, **Hyun Kim** and **PSR Tanya Baker**. This detail is of value for the success of the FASTRAC information for the officers and detectives. If you are working on projects and in need of crime information, they respond great and help with all your needs to help you to complete the assignment.

One important member of this unit just retired with 28 years—**Fred "DERF" Thompson**. He will be missed. Fred developed the crime Flyer names, which we all enjoyed to see. The three best flyers were: 1) Sylmar Cave Guys, vandalism suspect; 2) The

Splashier, 211 suspect; 3) Kitty Kitchen Screamer, suspects were juvenile burglars.

Sports

Congratulations to our LAPD/FTHL ROCKERS CO-ED softball team who played in the Arizona Police Games. This team took a 2nd place "silver" medal for a 3 and 3 record. The team is made up of Foothill officers and some from other divisions. Coach **Julian Almaraz**, Assistant Coach **Diana Escolante**, **Paul Davidson**, **Robert Collier**, **Jeff Lamonica**, **Marty Whittemore**, **Anna Hartwell**, **John Izzo**, **Mitchell Rodriguez**, **Darrel Davis**, **Susanne Berndt**, **Sgt. I Carlos Solano** (77th), **Rolando Rodriguez** (NHWD), **Mitchell Lopez** (VTD), **Manuel Solis** (NEWT), L.A. Co. Probation **Candice Edria**. The team batted over .500. Great job.

Baker to Vegas Foothill Running Team

Our team had the fastest time in the history of Foothill at 15:09 time to place 4th in the Station Division. Team captains **Hayley Smith** and **Jeff Bert** worked hard to organize this great team of runners. Officers **C. Yzaguirre** 38:25, **M. David** 45:12, **M. Marrache** 55:37, **J. Verdin** 42:15, **M. Koeller** 44:06, **J. Carpenter** 47:56, **H. Sabra** 48:12, **J. Bert** 50:11, **M. Vannatter** 50:16, **F. Alferez** 44:11, **B. Purece** 42:46, **J. Morales** 38:23, **M. Fryer** 55:05, **Sgt. Buhrwester** 40:29, **E. Gutierrez** 43:04, **S. Huizar** 44:37, **Wert** 46:29, **Sgt. II Medina** 44:53, **L. Martinez** 39:35, **K. Kollman** 47:00. Outstanding job. We'd like to thank all the support members and their families. Without the help of the support, we could not have had a great team. "Great people are able to do great kindness."

Memo to 77th Division

We at Foothill had 14 team members for our bench press team at the last event and overall we took 4th place; stand by, our team now has over 50 members to take on your challenge. We will see your team at the Academy in June.

Foothill Legends

When I first met this officer it was 15 years ago when I was on probation. He was responding to a help call on Van Nuys Blvd. All I heard was 16FB 6 code six and in seconds it was a code 4 suspect in custody. At the same time he saved the officers from further injuries. Officer P-3 **Frank Cerny**, #20837, is an ex-Marine, Harley Davidson rider, expert on motorcycle gang members, weightlifter and trained a lot of great officers.

On January 25, 1981, at 1520 hours, Officer Cerny was at his residence when he heard a child crying from next door. Cerny exited his residence to check on the sounds when he observed his son running toward him and advised of him of a pit bull dog had attacked the neighbor's son. Cerny ran 250 yards to where the incident had occurred when he observed a 9-year-old boy named Casey was bleeding from the left side of his face, which was ripped open by the pit bull dog. The dog continued to attack the child, when Cerny was able to place both his hands inside the dog's mouth. Cerny, using all his strength, was able to open the dog's mouth and save the child. Cerny then proceeded to give the child life-saving medical treatment to stop the bleeding until paramedics arrived. You see Officer Cerny is not only a hero to other officers, but to everyone around him. He is a dedicated family man, Marine and Los Angeles Police Officer. For his courage and actions to save a life, he was awarded the Medal of Valor. *Just to be alive and to be of service to somebody is a reward.*

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

As always, let's cover those folks who are arriving and those poor people who have to leave. The most amazing transfer of all is **Gary Nanson**. This could be a mistake as someone who obviously does not know anything about Gary, has actually promoted Gary to be a Lieutenant II and assigned him to OVB. First Gary will have trouble finding where OVB is located, and once there, he will not have a clue as to what he is supposed to be doing. But then, maybe he will fit right in.

Steve Knieriem will arrive to replace Lt. Nanson. I won't pick on him yet as he comes from IAG. **E. Solomon** gave up



Shop received minor damage as the ramming unit in really big pursuit.



Shop 83555 did not escape injury. Note deployed air bags - Officers okay - suspects in custody - Cool.

his Det. 2 spot to become a **Sgt. I. OK. C. Jensen** is a new sergeant from Pacific, and **F. Eaton** is a new detective for the second floor. Club Dev and Van Nuys continue to trade personnel as **Kristy Romero** takes the place of retiring **Paul McMillin**.

Speaking of retirements, **Guy Crispin** has decided to take up golf full time and will leave the Grey Squad in limbo. Good luck, Guy. Hope for a good round every now and then and fewer slices... and less of those... Oh sh-- shots.

Continuing on, **Dennis Noone** made three and escaped to Foothill. **Dave Cueto** is returning to us from Hollywood, having completed his sergeant's probation, to the surprise of all. I noticed we are getting a 30-year sergeant from Personnel (**Bolton**). Maybe he is coming to keep an eye on Dave. **Sgt. Al Lopez** is en route to EODD. **Jeff Rand** somehow completed his probation and is being shipped as far away as possible, so off to Pacific he goes. **Hector Olivera** is off to Northeast, and **Gabe Ferreras** stays in the Valley (West, that is). **Edwin Ayala** joins Gabe in WVLY. To replace these guys, we get **Sanchez** from Foothill, **Eck** and **Nemecek** from North Hollywood, and **Settle** from Wilshire. Recruits **Dickson** and **Geoghegan** arrive from Training to be slammed constantly from **Leona**. They will have everything done properly and on time

... right Leona. **Sgt. Anna Fuller** will walk upstairs to become Detective Fuller.

Van Nuys seems to have a literary giant amongst us. Wow, how about that word and its spelling. Ex-school teacher **Sunil Dutta**. Sunil was born in India and has been working on translating the works of ancient poet Ghalib. This project will be published sometime in August and titled, *The Lightning Should Have Fallen on Ghalib*. Good luck on this endeavor and all those future projects, Sunil. It's all way over my limited knowledge of poetry.

David Keortge and **Craig Hewitt** of Van Nuys CRASH ended one of those lengthy pursuits a couple of weeks ago. **Sgt. Wendling** made a great call and had these coppers take out a couple of armed really bad guys. **Dave**, waiting until the ex-cons were on a side street, then backed right into the side of the Pontiac Grand Am, hit right on the driver's door with the back of their slick top. Both suspects gave up without a fight. TV liked it, the command staff liked it, and I liked it. Motor Transport not too pleased with two more vehicles to pound back into shape. Two because **Dan Schmidt** and **Paul Prevost** hit these idiots at about 5 mph, but right in the grill, which set off both airbags. All I've got to say is good shot, Dave. I would have missed the bad guys and taken out all of the pursuing black and whites.

While on the subject of crashed police vehicles, **Martin Dax** and **Melisa Medina** (DAX driving) took on a pole. Perfect shot, an old '91 Ford Van Nuys got from West Traffic. Martin put that pole right between those push bars, dead center. Only one person ever drove this heap. It was **Shelly Gale**. Well, Shelly decided not to drive this shop anymore and took up with shop 80487, another old '91 Ford. So shop 80387 did nothing more than commit suicide as no one loved her anymore. I wonder if the Traffic Review Board will look at it that way.



Shop 80387 committed suicide when it heard Shelly Gale would not be driving her anymore.

AM Watch made a good collar. Ralphs Grocery Company security set up on a suspected grand theft suspect. Got this not so loyal employee heisting some \$4,700 in cigarettes. The suspect copped out to three other heists and everyone believed him as some \$150,000 is missing in the cigarette inventory. Doesn't anyone know this stuff is harmful to your health? Especially the suspect who will be in prison for some time. Not the best of places for your health. Well, since no one else will share anything with me, that's it for this month. Hope I did not offend too many people. If I did, oh well. I will try to do better next month.



by Gail Ryan
Newton Division

Friday, April 16, 1999, the 11th annual Employee of the Year Awards Banquet for OCB was held at Luminarias Restaurant. Congratulations to Sgt. **Larry Wehage**, Newton's Sergeant of the Year 1998; Det. 2 **Al Ruegg**, Newton Detective of the Year 1998; P3+1 **Hugh O'Gara**, Newton's Officer of the Year for 1998; Reverends **Rudolfo** and **Evelina Flores**, Newton's Community Volunteer of the Year for 1998; and **Alejandra "Alex" Morales**, Newton's Ci-



1998 Newton Officers of the Year: Sgt. L. Wehage, P3+1 H. O'Gara and D2 A. Ruegg; OCB Employee of the Year: Alex Morales (civilian), Newton Detectives (not pictured).

vian of the Year for 1998. And an extra special congratulations to **Alejandra "Alex" Morales** for being named OCB's Civilian Employee of the year for 1998. Unfortunately, Alex was unable to attend the ceremony as she is serving her "Uncle Sam" in Texas as a member of the United States Air Force Reserves. A special Recognition Award was presented to Newton's very own two of the last remaining ten policewomen on the job: Policewoman/P3 **Gail Ryan**, with 32 years of service, and Policewoman/P2 **Prudence Wright**.



P3/Policewoman Gail Ryan (32 years on job), Commander Papa, and (not pictured) P2/Policewoman Prudence Wright (30 years on job) honored as Policewomen last 10.

Wright, with 30 years of service to the Department. Congratulations.

Officer **Richard Arciniega** of Newton CRASH was awarded second place in 1998's California Robbery Investigators Association's annual awards presentations for the Southern California Chapter. He was presented his award on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at Robbery Homicide Division. Congratulations on a well deserved award.

Congratulations to **Al** and **Alex Abolos** on the birth of their daughter, Samantha

Alexandra, born on April 4, 1999, weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Congratulations to **James** and **Adriana Canales** on the birth of their first child, a son, Christopher James, born on April 27, 1999, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces. And, a special congratulations goes to Mr. & Mrs. **David Nunn**. They recently recited their marriage vows at Big Bear on Saturday, April 17, 1999.

Newton's running team placed 15th in the Station category this year in the Baker to Vegas Race held over the weekend of April 9, 10 & 11. Newton officers finished their weekend at the races off with their annual barbecue. It was held this year in the parking lot of the Silverton Resort in Vegas. Congratulations to all the Newton runners and their support team.

It may only be halfway through the year, but Det. **Richard Yep** is leading in the most unusual/interesting vacations for the year. He just returned from a one-week's whirlwind tour of China that included a walk on the Great Wall of China.

Button, button, who's got the buttons? Det. **Al Segeet** recently received a grand theft crime report from a button company. The company, which touts itself as the largest manufacturer of buttons in the world, reported \$10,000 worth of buttons taken by employees. Through an extensive investigation, Segeet determined the company had not conducted an accurate inventory in over two years. As the investigation continued, the company raised its estimated loss to 1/2 million dollars. Det. Segeet and **Olive**, along with the company's private investigator, arrested three long time employees as the button thieves.

Officers **F. Trevino** and **F. Cueto** responded to a shooting/assault call at 205 E. 55th St. on March 1st. Upon arrival at the scene, Trevino observed three 52nd Broadway Gang members fleeing the location. A foot pursuit ensued that traversed a number of rooftops (that's right-rooftops) before their capture by the "Great Trevino." The officers recovered cocaine, cash, and narcotics paraphernalia. Great arrest.

Then on March 28th, Trevino working with **F. DeArmond**, conducted a vehicle traffic stop at MLK and Adair Street. The officers this time discovered a large cardboard box full of money sitting on the rear seat of the car all by itself. And, the driver knew nothing! A narcotics canine was requested. He, the dog, responded positively to the box of money, which was estimated to contain more than \$100,000 by the Narcotics Detectives. Some officers just have a nose for drugs.

In a scene from an era gone by, Newton Vice officers responded to the 100 block of W. 40th Street after they received information on two "bootleggers" selling alcohol out of their own homes without a license. Working in an undercover capacity, they attempted to purchase alcohol from the suspects. Officer **Mota** was finally able to purchase some beer and after the arrival of backup, two suspects were taken into custody. If this had been Newton Division in the L.A. of the 1920's, the Women's Temperance Society would have responded to the scene wheeling axes to break open the barrels of beer.

Believe it or Not

A Newton Day Watch "Boot" responded to his training officers' request to run a vehicle's plate for possible stolen. "But, sir, the driver's too old to steal a car or be driving one." Training Officer, still getting that naggy feeling something's wrong with the vehicle, said, "Just run it." "It's stolen, sir, two weeks ago. Maybe he just forgot to report it found. You know how older folks are." Suspect, after he was interviewed, admitted to knowing vehicle was stolen when he borrowed it to do shopping. He claimed he hadn't been in trouble in a long time. It had been one year since he last was arrested for GTA. He had gone straight since he was older now. After all, he was 45 years old.



by Caesar D. Gonzalez
DARE Division

CDOA Conference

On April 6-9, DARE Division conferred on our state capital, Sacramento, for the 1999th annual DARE Officer's Conference.

DARE officers from around California attended workshops ranging from instruction enhancement, school tactics, and narcotic education, among others.

More importantly, however, was the reaffirmation of our common goal: to keep kids off drugs. In our daily grind, it is easy to lose focus. At times, the only thanks that we receive is a friendly smile from a grateful student. The conference was a nice thank you from CDOA and DARE America to let us all know that we ARE APPRECIATED.

Also, the biggest complaint that DARE officers have is the isolation felt on school campus. Most DARE officers do not have the benefit of partners. Hence, it is nice to meet and confer with our fellow peers who are equally dedicated to saving our youth. We are not alone in our war against drugs.

Highlights of the conference included a custom DARE car competition, inspirational speakers, golf tournament, and CDOA elections.

During the CDOA elections, LAPD's own, **Rich Bargas** stepped down as Vice President and handed over the title to LAPD veteran, **Greg White**. Once again, LAPD continues to lead the law enforcement community through leadership in the world's premiere anti-drug and violence program. (See pictures.)

Baker to Vegas

On April 10 and 11, DARE Division hit the highway and headed off to participate in the Annual Baker to Vegas competition. Our team spirit was strong and our runners ready.

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Congratulations to all the runners and support for all your hard work and dedication.

Special thanks goes to Officer **Tonya Dummar** for coordinating the runners and performing all the "grunt" work, and to Officer **Yvette Bass** for coordinating the support team. Thanks for all your hard work. This year's team would not have been possible without your efforts.

Welcome

Coming to DARE Division are Officers **Abordo** from Foothill, and **Melvin** from Southwest. Welcome to DARE.

Farewell

Leaving DARE are Officers **Sing**, who will be moving on to my friends at Juvenile Division, and **Ford**, who will be going to Southwest as a Detective Trainee. Good luck on your new assignments and thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

DARE News

The latest news has to do with retirements—three of them. Due to retire this July 3rd are Officers **Ron Glover**, **Rich Bargas**, and **Abe Coron**. Collectively, they represent over 76 years of service to the people of the city of Los Angeles. As the date comes closer, I will highlight in more detail each of these fine officers' careers.

Promotions

Congratulations to **Alex Medel** and **Karen Widman** on becoming DARE Division's newest P-III's. Both are excellent officers and DARE instructors. Also, the motivated and talented Officer **Carla Ford** has been promoted to Detective Trainee. Yes, DARE is a nice career builder—just ask them.

Job Opportunities

If you are looking for a nice career builder, consider DARE. We have a proven track record on providing officers with the necessary public speaking skills, community policing, and organization skills necessary for promotion. DARE is always looking for a pool of qualified P-II officers who have a minimum of two years patrol as a P-II and excellent communication skills. If you are interested, call (213) 485-4856.

HOLLYWOOD Happenings

by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Only in Hollywood

Where else would you find a scrappy little gang of relay runners galloping through the desert ahead of all the other LAPD mixed teams? That's right, our Baker to Vegas Relay Team for the fourth year in a row had the fastest times of any department mixed teams.

On April 10th and 11th, the Hollywood Division running team competed in the 15th annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. For the second year in a row, Hollywood finished in third place. Hollywood Divi-



sion finished the race in 14:59:49, the fastest time ever. This year we finished 33 minutes ahead of Southeast Division, the closest LAPD mixed team. Overall Hollywood Division finished in 22nd place out of 193 teams.

The following personnel were directly responsible for the exceptional performance: Team Captain **Jim Mateer**; runners in order of appearance, **Mark Aguilar**, **Vanessa Loo**, **Ryan White**, **Dan Gonzalez**, **Candice Cobarrubias**, **Todd Kranke**, **Al Rosa**, **Mike Sequin**, **Adolfo Bates**, **Mary Kozycz**, **Dan Jaramillo**, **Trina Franklin**, **Ken Plunkett**, **Mike Glenn**, **Steve Showler**, **Chuck Buttitta**, **Tracye Fields**, **Mike Skiff**, **Mike Strosnider** and **Allan Hamilton**. Alternate run-

ners: **Alma Andrade**, **Paul Rodriguez**, **Marc Martinez**, **Karla Koerner**, **Blair Grabiak**, **Stephanie Fryer** and **Greg Hoyte**. The support team, led by **Paul Stropkai**, **Joe Bunch**, **Bryan Fox**, **Bryan Hand**, **Glen Hees**, **Jeff Ingalls**, **John Jamison**, **Allen Killion**, **Leo Ortega**, **Norman Peters**, **Vincent Pilegi**, **Andrew Rodriguez**, **Enrique Ruvalcaba**, Ar-

mixed team. Front row (left to right): **Stefanie Fryer**, **Mike Strosnider**, **Chuck Buttitta**, **Jim Mateer**. Middle row: **Mike Skiff**, **Alan Hamilton**, **Leo Ortega**, **Tracye Fields**, **Mike Nelson**, **Steve Showler**, **Paul Stropkai**. Top row: **Doug Winger**, **Bryan Hand**, **Greg Hoyte**, **Dave Woolsey**, **Jeff Ingalls**, **Bryan Fox**, and **John Jamison**. (See photo.)



men **Sevdalian**, **Dan Strojny**, **Doug Winger** and **Dave Woolsey**. And a final big thanks to Captain **Connie Dial**. For without her support, none of this would have been possible!

At the Start

Hollywood Division's Running Team, runners and support in Baker, awaiting the start. Front row (left to right): **Jim Mateer**, **Ryan White**, **Paul Stropkai**. Back row: **Vince Pilegi**, **Paul Rodriguez**, **Mark Aguilar**, **Vanessa Loo**, **Marc Martinez**, **Dan Strojny**, **Norm Peters**, **Alma Andrade**, **Henry Ruvalcaba**. (See photo.)

At the Finish

After breaking the 15-hour barrier, Hollywood's running team, for the third year, repeats as LAPD's fastest

Ins-Outs-N-Ups (Transfer #4)

Running in to join our victorious relay team are potential runners: **Sgt. II B. Adams** from (N/E) to our vice unit, and P-2s **A. Doyen** (DEV), **M. Garde** (DEV), **S. McGain** (PAC), **C. Barrios** (RAMP), **H. Aguirre** (S/W), **B. Millner** (S/W), **B. Woodard** (S/W), **M. Aguilar** (TD), **A. Rasch** (WB), **L. Arellano** (WIL), **M. Foster** (W VAL), and P-1 **M. Anderson** from the Academy.

Promoting finally and staying is P-3 / Det. Trainee **D. McNeal**. Also promoting to P-3 and remaining is **P. Rodriguez**. And lastly, **R. Suviate** is headed for S/E as a P-3. Put them two stripes on gentlemen.

Walking slowly out are: **T. Rodgers** (TBD), **K. Thiffaut** (FTHL), **S. Reyes** (S/E), **M. Dutton** (DEV), **J. Norat** (CB), **S. Yniguez** (JUV), **T. Franklin** (S/W), **T. Bangasser** (TRD), **B. Moore** (TRD), **J. Sandwell** (S/W), and **A. Batres** to WVAL. Go ahead and leave us. You had your 15 minutes of fame here at Hollywood.

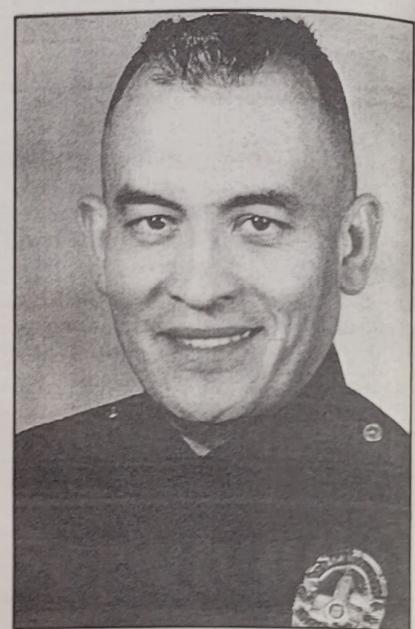
Ins-Outs-N-Ups (Transfer #5)

Settling down here recently are newcomers: **Sgt. E. Smith** from HARB, and from RAMP comes **Sgt. M. Arminio**. Promoting to P-3 status are: **D. Ortiz** from ND and **G. Nelson** remains right here. The Academy gives us P-1s: **C. Allen** and **J. Marshburn**.

Bouncing out are Det. **G. Hoyte** to HARB, with **Sgt. 2 D. Cox** promoting and going to IAG. Give her some respect, officers. **Sgt. D. Cueto** to Van Nuys, and Det. **2 Dan** "the man" McKenna en route to DEV Detectives, **L. Johnson** is gone to NEWT, **D. Yoshitake** to 77th, and to Central go **M. Kozyoz** and **J. Moreno**.

Officer of the Quarter

P.O. III **Ricardo Oliva** is honored as Hollywood Community Police Station's Officer of the First Quarter for 1999. Officer Oliva is a five-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department and is currently assigned as a field training officer on AM Watch. He is considered a valued asset by his peers and supervisors. Those officers he trains describe him as an excellent teacher and someone who



they can easily communicate with. By encouraging open communications with probationary officers, Officer Oliva fosters an excellent working environment which helps to increase each officer's potential and knowledge of police work. Officer Oliva is known by those who work with him as extremely knowledgeable in both the law and in the tactical aspects of field duties. He is a quiet professional who can guarantee community safety. Those who have worked with him consider him a mentor officer who understands the concepts of flexibility, accuracy, and continuity in developing crime reduction strategies.

Off-duty activities also play an important role in Officer Oliva's total job performance. Officer Oliva improves himself by constantly taking classes in order to improve his knowledge and understanding of police work. He is a student of the martial arts which help to maintain both physical and mental discipline. A 14-year veteran of the United States Army, Officer Oliva combines all of these attributes to continually improve himself and benefit his fellow officers.

Officer Oliva is the best that Hollywood has to offer. This type of recognition is rarely bestowed without merit. This selection clearly demonstrates the admiration his peers, supervisors, and commanding officer have for him. Hollywood area command joins with the members of Hollywood Community Police Station in honoring Officer Oliva as the "Officer of the Quarter" for the first quarter of 1999. (See photo.)

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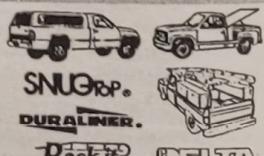
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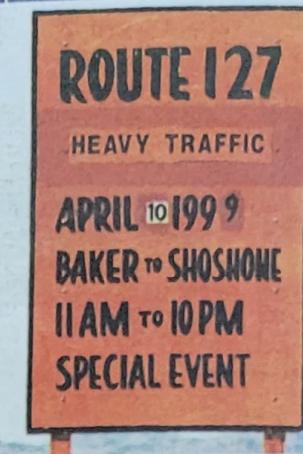
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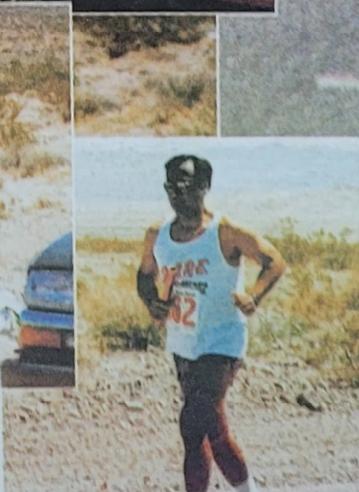
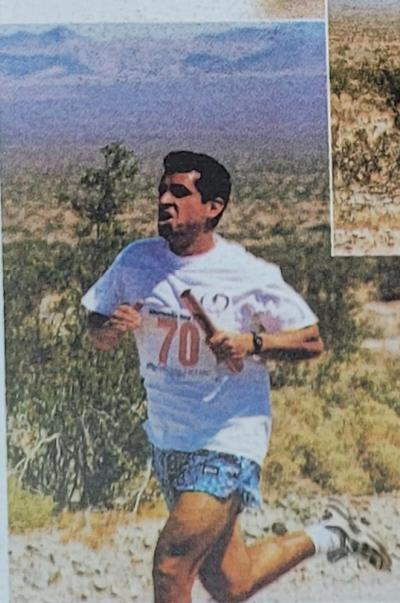
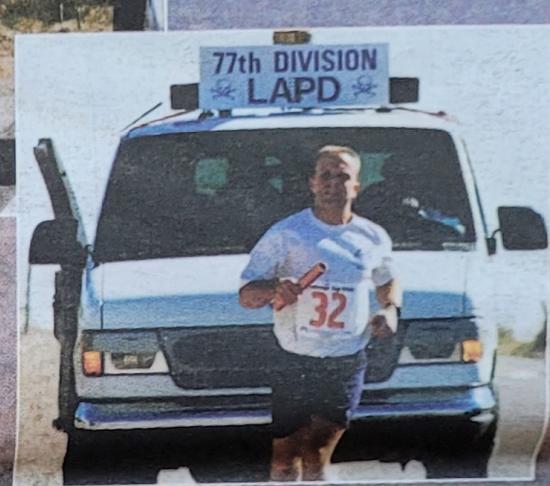
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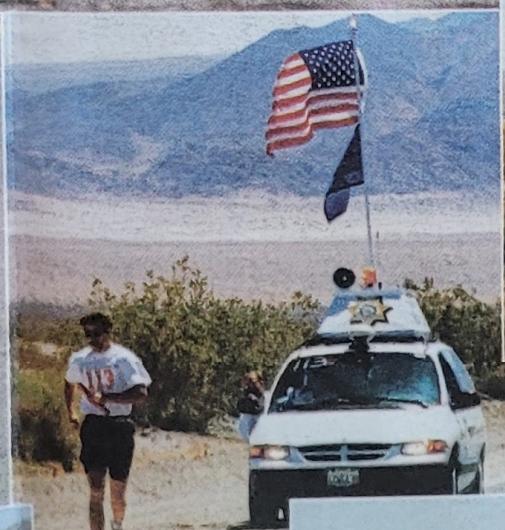
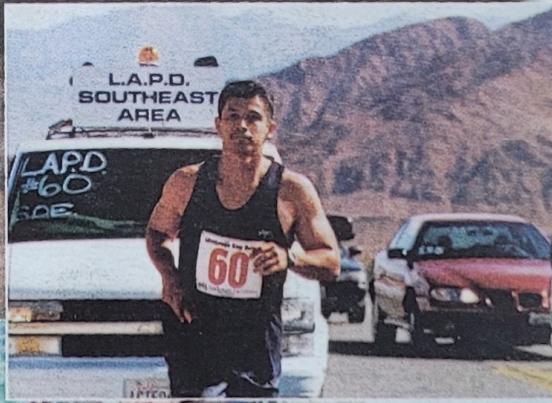
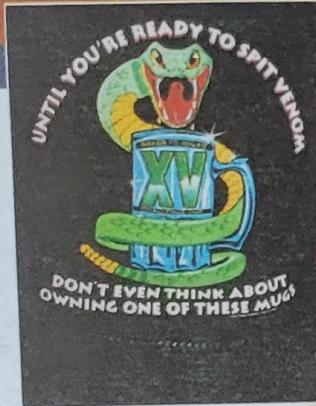


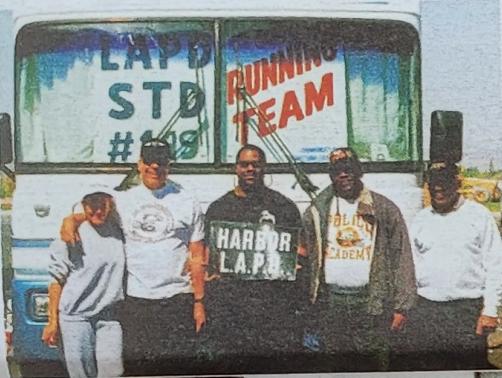
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1999 Baker to Vegas Run

... and Cheers!



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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Debbi Friedman
West Valley Division

Hi-De-Ho everyone! I'm back! Did ya all miss me? Probably not, but too bad. I'm here now and ready to start writing again about all the wonderful and great things you have done while I've been away. So on with the show! I must admit, you guys really amaze me with some of the mastermind inventiveness that you come up with. It seems that Officers **Dennis Hammonds** and **Anthony Smith** were cruising around and observed two parked vehicles that had been busted into. While checking out the possible crime scene, a witness approached Dennis and Anthony and began explaining that she had observed two bad guys breaking into the cars. Since the witness was not from California and didn't know how to contact the police, she did the next best thing. The witness used her digital camera and photographed the suspects in action. Dennis, being the smart older timer he is (how old, Dennis?), he asked permission from the witness to take her camera to Kinko's and get the film developed. Who paid, Dennis? You, the witness, or the Department? I know, stupid question. Armed with photos of

the two suspects, Dennis and Anthony started making the rounds and jacking up the usual suspects. Well, as luck has it, Dennis and Anthony located a friend of one of the thieves and told them where he was. The kiddy was at home with his daddy. The two officers tried their best to get this juvenile to roll over on the second suspect, but he wouldn't budge. While inside the residence, Dennis observed a photo that closely resembled the other guy. Dennis spoke to daddy who rolled over like a stuffed pig and gave Dennis the info he so desperately wanted. With the info in hand, the two officers conducted a follow-up to the other suspect's apartment and BINGO! They got the second suspect. Dennis, I didn't know you had bloodhound in you! Both you and Anthony did a super-great job and got those thievin' little monsters off the street. Keep it up, Anthony and Dennis. Now, make the little bad guys pay the witness back for the cost of the film development.

This must be BFMV month at WVAL. Here's another copper who used his brains. Officers **Bill Grimes** and **Shelby Wilcox** were conducting a BFMV investigation. Seems the victim of the crime had been approached earlier by the suspect who tried to sell the victim a bicycle. Of course the victim turned him down and went inside his residence. During that time the victim heard his vehicle alarm go off. The victim checked his vehicle and all was A-OK. But a few minutes later the vehicle alarm went off again. This time when the victim checked, he observed the window smashed and the bicycle man climbing out of his vehicle with his stereo. The victim grabbed his keys and gave chase

to the bicycle man with his vehicle. Now enter Bill and Shelby. The officers took the victim in their patrol vehicle and began snoopin' and poopin' for bicycle man. Guess what? They found him! Bill and Shelby took bike man into custody and transferred him to the station. Now this is the part I like. Billy, you sly dog, you! Bill found an old print card with some other guys fingerprints on them and informed bike man that they just recovered "his" prints off the victim's vehicle. Bicycle man, knowing the gig was up, confessed to his crime and wrote out his confession for the officers. I just love it when things go soooo wonderful. Great job, Bill and Shelby.

Here's one for all you single ladies out there. Read this and beware!! Officer **Gail Muzzey** was conducting an investigation of a residential 459 where \$10,000 in jewelry was taken. During her investigation she just happened to see some construction workers (well, Gail? Cute or not?) and asked them if they saw any-

thing concerning the house. One guy mentioned and described an SUV and also gave a description of the possible suspect who carried a bag out of the residence to the vehicle. Then the worker stated that the vehicle that was parked in the driveway was the same as the one he saw. Guess whose vehicle it was? The fiancée of the victim. Well, Gail, being a seasoned and smart officer, requested an additional unit and advised them what she had. Without incident, the fiancée was taken into custody. After receiving a consent to search his vehicle and residence, the victim's jewelry was recovered and the fiancée admitted to taking it. Leave it to Gail to turn a simple lifting of prints into a great arrest from great investigative skills. Now girls, you better check and make sure all your jewelry is where it should be!

Until next month, this is 10A3 and I'm EOW. Be safe out there and back each other up!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Out of the Great



by Jeff Siggers
Southwest Area

Great Capers

It is fortunate for the citizens of this fair city that most criminals are not too bright. It is especially fortunate for the citizens of Southwest Area that we have such fine officers on patrol here. Recently, one of those citizens called the police to report two juveniles who were breaking in to a neighbor's house,

which gave several of our officers a chance to "show their stuff." First on the scene were Officers **Manuel Ramirez** and **James Brown** as a 3A42. They were quickly followed by Officers **Geneva Haynes** and **Art Espino**, **Edan D'Angelo** and **Charles Bailey** and **Kasie Chavez**. They quickly formulated a plan and approached the location. What they found were two houses on the same property. As they entered the front house through the open rear door, it had been obviously ransacked but there were no suspects found. The officers saw that the rear house had also been entered via a sliding glass door. As they approached the doorway, the lead officers found themselves looking into a bedroom, which had a mirrored door on the closet. Guess who they saw in the mirror, hiding behind the bed? Yep, one of our Juve suspects! The other was hiding in the closet. The two delinquents said

they had broken into the houses because they had heard that the residents sold marijuana, and they wanted it. What they couldn't explain so well were the tons of jewelry they had stuffed in their pockets. Good job, guys (and Geneva and Kasie)!

Another example of the quality of police work done at The Great Southwest was when Officers **Jeanna Franco** and **Barry Montgomery** were out on patrol recently. They saw a known gang member and made a reasonable cause stop and detention. They searched him and found a small amount of marijuana in his pocket. Normally this is not a big deal for our intrepid officers, but this gentleman had an attitude, and the accompanying verbiage, which indicated to Franco and Montgomery that he really deserved a "thorough investigation." At the station, they found out that he was on active probation, which included the prohibition against drug possession. Rather than book him and wait for the Probation Department to pick up the case, Franco and Montgomery went to the Probation Officer that works in Southwest Detectives. He violated the suspect immediately.

Then, as a condition of his probation, Jeanna and Barry, the Probation Officer, and some CRASH officers went to the suspect's house and conducted a search. There they found a stolen gun. The suspect was then booked for RSP rather than a simple marijuana citation. Way to go, guys (and Jeanna)!

It's a Girl!

Momma's fine, Poppa too.
Grannie's filled with glee.
Another pearl has been added
To the Southwest family!

This is the rather original birth announcement that is up on the walls of the station now. It heralds the birth of **Bethany Deanda Segura** on April 20, 1999, "created" by Officer and Mrs. **Manny Segura**. The flyer also says that babies require lots of diapers, bottles, pacifiers, pins, blankets, T-shirts, strollers, child-proof furniture, vaporizers, cradles, mobiles, photos, sleepless nights, doctor visits, baby lotion, and patience. We didn't know that Manny was such a poet . . . and a philosopher, too! Congratulations to the Seguras for a "job well done."

What About Wilshire?

by Jason Ficken
Wilshire Division

Employees Of The Quarter Fourth Quarter - Wilshire Area Crime Analysis Detail

The Crime Analysis Detail (CAD) Unit has worked superbly as a team during this quarter, as well as the entire calendar year. The contributions of the unit to the Wilshire Area crime-fighting goal has been immeasurable to say the least, and has risen the unit to a level that other units actively seek to emulate.

The unit developed and perfected over forty individual research databases and established the requisite methods of processing video imaging, still photographs, crime alerts and wanted bulletins. A major accomplishment of the unit was the development of integrated mapping software and crime series investigation techniques that has brought targeting of crime problems to the forefront. Currently



Management Analyst II Ronnie Riffel, Management Analyst I Richard Gaydowski, Detective I Rueben Whittington (not pictured), Police Officer II Alex Nurse, Police Officer II Roger Forest, and Police Officer II Victor Acevedo.

the unit is developing an in-house video enhancement program. These technical advances have been invaluable to Wilshire Area patrol and detective personnel.

The unit has been active in conducting presentations at public meetings, roll call sessions, and at citywide and Area FASTRAC meetings. In addition, the accumulated crime data was disseminated to the press for airing, which added to the successes of all Wilshire Area personnel

Police Department, Long Beach Police Department, and West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

The efforts of the unit produced many enforcement successes during the year and especially during the Fourth Quarter 1998. Patrol officers were instrumental in affecting numerous high profile arrests as a result of the intelligence and crime information the unit disseminated. Patrol officers arrested the Glass Eye Sex Bandit, Berendo Sex Offender, The Bandana Bandits, and the Azatlan Female Gangster.

The unit expended many hours in their commitment to developing the existing crime data systems that enable the Area detectives and patrol officers to focus their enforcement in neutralizing the major predators of the Division that had been operating during the latter half of 1998. Each member of the CAD Unit is highly commended for their dedication to assisting in



"Boys and Girls in Blue." Left to right: Officers Karen Smith, Kathy Clark, Jim Breslin and Daniel Taylor.



"Smile, Fred, you actually made the 2 mile walk." Left to right: Res. Officer Nancy Knight, Sgt. Pete Gamino, and SLO's Katarina Thomas, Fred Alexander, Jeff Allen & Andrea Lucie.

in achieving the crime-fighting goal. The successes of the unit in the development of their crime information dissemination program is so highly respected, outside agencies requested the unit's assistance developing their own crime analysis sections based on the Wilshire Area model. The agencies included the Beverly Hills

the achievement of the Wilshire Area goals, developing the expertise that set the Wilshire Area CAD model far ahead of the competition and for tirelessly supporting the Detective and Patrol functions without hesitation. Their group effort led to the greatest reduction in crime, 15.5% for any area in the city during 1998.

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by Roy Langheld
West Traffic Division

WTD had a big retirement party near the end of April for three former veterans. BCMC Arno Moyens and BCMC Steve Fisher were honored along with CI Sarge David Martinez. There was a large turnout for these three distinguished veterans. Everyone remembered the retired Motor Cops but this reporter noticed that most people had trouble remembering David Martinez. Several of the WTD officers who had partaken in alcoholic refreshments were asking Martinez to bring them more beer. Obviously, they were under the mistaken assumption that Dave was a waiter. This reporter videotaped many WTD officers who had forgotten Dave. The rumors are true then. Once you have retired, everyone forgets you within 10 minutes.

WTD News

WTD's softball team decimated STD in a recent game. WTD put up a great offense with officers D. Davis, Tomel-

losso, Slinsky, and Buscaino especially active. The defensive stars were Panameno and Jaramillo. The final score was 22-11.

Two of WTD's finer Big City Motor Sergeants were through the "Saga of the Lost Badge" recently. Sgt. Steve Foster was on his way to work and his badge flew off of his jacket on the freeway. Steve turned around and was searching the freeway for his lost badge when Sgt. Mike Marsolek came by and told Steve to give it up. It was too dangerous to be looking on the freeway for his badge. Reluctantly, Steve gave up



Left to right: Frank Albaran, Tony Hale and Mike Toth.

the search. Steve reported the missing badge and went down to Personnel and got a replacement badge. The next day, it was discovered that Sgt. Mike Mar-

solek was wearing Steve Foster's badge. Yep, these two brain surgeons had switched jackets and Foster had lost Marsolek's badge, not his own. So, Foster took his own badge back and Marsolek did not have a badge. Marsolek was heard complaining that if he had known Foster lost his badge, he would have looked harder for it on the freeway. Naturally, these two geniuses took a lot of good-natured ribbing for their mistake.

I have been writing a column in the *Blue Line* for more than six years now. I am retiring in July so this may be my

Unfortunately, many of us today have lost our perspective. We have lost sight of what is important and too many of us have let the stress take control. We are



BCMC's Dennis Nelson and Pete Cordero.

losing our sense of humor. When we lose the ability to laugh at ourselves, we are in serious trouble. Folks, we are all on the same side. Remember, you are working around the finest individuals and professionals in the law enforcement community. I have been proud to be part of this wonderful group of people and hope that all of you can continue to look at the humorous side of this sordid business. Keep laughing and keep it rubber side down. ♦

We'd like to welcome Steve Cornell, who is coming to us from Rampart Division and will begin his Tactical Flight Officer training DP#5. Good luck, Steve!

Rumor has it that Sgt. Michelle Veenstra, in addition to her pilot training, will also begin training at the "Debbie Dootson" school of Fuel Truck Driving soon. Sgt. "Lemon Head" Gonzalez will ride shotgun.

We'd also like to congratulate Chad Reuser, son of Don and Karen. He is currently in the Academy and threatening to take his dad's job.

As of this writing, we have not yet run the Memorial Relay, however, we do have two teams running: The "A" Team—Jack Brandt, Angela Dumler, Deb Kickbush, Ray Crawford and (sorry, I don't know the other person yet); and the "Tired, Old and Fat Team—Gil Campos, Jerry Camporredondo, Frank King, Ed McKeon and Michelle Blackstone. I'm sure we'll have some stories to tell next month!

ASD Happenings

Well, we've got one retirement party done and one big one to go. Our April 30th party for Giles, Flickenger, Pope, Robinson, Abbott, Beardslee and Stough was an unbelievable success! We had 230 people there and the number of "old timers" long since retired ASD folks, that showed up was awesome. Thank you to each and every one of you for making the journey (from all over the U.S.). Your presence had such an impact on everyone there, you made that party the success that it was. We'd also like to thank Chief Parks, Chief Pomeroy, and former Chief Gates, who also made appearances and said a few words about the retirees. Matt Jarosak emceed the event and did an outstanding job. A HUGE thank to all involved in putting it together. Chuck and Patty, thanks for everything! Most of the Department knows the voice in the air that make their job easier, but don't really recognize how truly awesome these guys are! The incredible amount of skill and knowledge that is in this Division still amazes me! We will be honoring ten more guys on August 13th and would like to invite anyone who would like to take part in sending these guys off with the honor and respect that they deserve, please give us a call. The next group will be Capt. Trundle, Lt. Johnson, Sgt. Eystef, and Officer Lafferty, Putnam, Clark, Baker and Nelson will be the guest of honor and there's no doubt that the August party will be just as great as the April party was.

ASD Tip of the Month

It's unfortunate that our Communications system is not as conducive to the size our Department as it should be, however, one of the things that we notice on a regular basis is that Officers run Code 10s, Cal-Op checks and verbal log-ons while the air is busy, is very common. We, of course, realize that Code 10s send people to jail (which we like). We also see tactical problems arise out of the air being tied up for too long. If possible, consider having the ACC log you on and request a Black and White for use of the MDTs for your Code 10s. If a Black and White is not available, consider asking the BCC to meet you on a Tac frequency to run the suspects. I'm sure they would be happy to help you out. Maybe someday we'll get lucky and they'll assign someone to a Tac frequency specifically for running Code 10s, log-ons, Cal-Ops, etc. Wouldn't that be great!! Thanks to all of you officers for the terrific job that you do every day. Be safe, be happy, and always watch your six!

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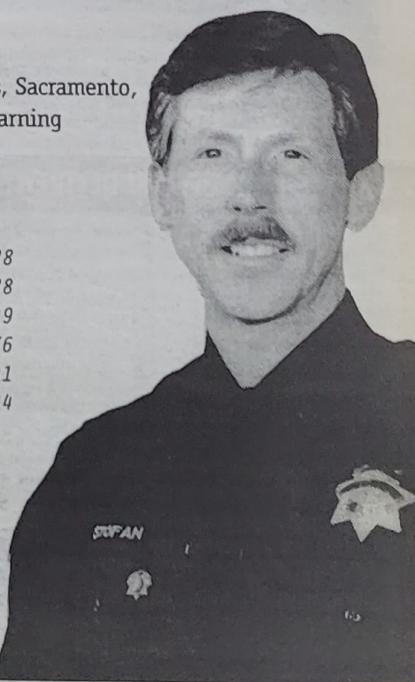
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

RIDING THE RAILS

by Jose Ceja
Transit Group

Operation Redline

The cloak of secrecy at TRD has finally been lifted. Officers **Ed Peterez** and **Nancy McCollough** unveiled and implemented the SARA project that they had been working on for the past few months. The project involved weeks of surveillance in and around the Westlake Red Line train station, followed by several weeks of preparation and culminating in day-long task force in the target area.



Ed and Nancy (right) pose with some of their task force.

The task force, which was comprised of undercover officers, uniformed officers and civilian personnel, nabbed several bad guys and provided TSS with invaluable leads in the area of counterfeit fare media.

Ed and Nancy did an outstanding job of putting it all together. They wanted me to thank several people for them: Sgt. "Stone Cold" **Steve Vinson** for his guidance in helping set up the task force, Lt. **Eric Davis** and Capt. **Mike Hillman** for their adamant support of the entire operation, SID for their technical support and all the men and women of Transit Group that helped.

The Little Billy That Could

The Place: Somewhere between



The Little Engine That Could, Billy Brockway, flexes for the camera.

Baker and Las Vegas.

The Man: **Billy Brockway**

With leg 8 of Baker to Vegas quickly approaching, things weren't looking so good for Transit Group. Team Capt. **Gary Borg** was wondering, "Where's that skinny %#@#%, Mark Preciado?" A tough decision would have to be made and fast. As time ran out, Gary looked at his alternates and picked a wiry but untested P3 to take Mark's place.

When the baton was finally handed off, the man who got it was none other than Officer **Billy Brockway**. Holding the baton securely in his soft but strong hands, Billy ran mile after mile giving it his all. Towards the end, Billy began to show signs of fatigue. "It was like watching a wounded Lassie run for help," an anonymous onlooker said. Drenched in sweat and nearly dead from exhaustion, Billy finished his leg, which happened to be the most difficult of the entire run.

Fellow officers and friends rushed to his aid, as he fell to the ground physically and emotionally drained, muttering, "I knew I could, I knew I could."

For his incredible effort, Officer Brockway was made Transit Group MVP!

On a more serious note, Gary Borg wanted to let everyone know that for the second year in a row, we beat our LASO counterparts, by a whopping 40 minutes and have retained the coveted "Transit Services Baker to Vegas Plaque." Gary also wanted to thank all the runners and support staff.

Gary said that once again Comm. **Zimmon** stayed for the duration of the race, along with Capt. Hillman. Officer **Juan "Clutch" Campos** gave 110% in his leg of the race. Sgt. **Pena** of TBD didn't let his troops do all of the work. He helped out by running a leg of his own.

10) My dad worked SWAT; 9) I couldn't start my running arm; 8) They wanted me there too early; 7) I needed my beauty sleep; 6) Billy needed the exercise; 5) I had to say hi to Sgt. Hart; 4) I was working O.T. on a late arrest, wait . . . never mind"; 3) I thought I saw a pickpocket in Vegas, no, never mind"; 2) I was having a bad hair day; 1) I'm Al's kid, he worked SWAT.

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Four score minus seventy-eight years and six months ago, our fathers brought forth onto this department two new Transit Divisions dedicated to the proposition that all cops are created equal.

OK, maybe we haven't been around that long, but Officer **Mike Hall** is making sure that his fellow officers have a divisional jacket worthy of the



And finally, Officer **Mark Preciado**, whose absence nearly killed our Billy, where were you?

Here's Mark Preciado's top ten excuses for being late to his Baker to Vegas leg:

Welcome

Officer **Joseph Torres**, #31468, from Rampart's bicycle unit, was promoted to Police Officer III and given our staff position in Recruitment. Congratulations on your promotion. Joe get ready to scramble the paperwork! Nice day to have a 45-minute long oral.

Officer **Danny Chao**, #31965, is also coming all the way from my past home at Valley Traffic Division. Danny came down for a one-month loan and decided that he had to come over full-time. Keep the pastries coming in the morning, Danny!!

Women's Career Day

This year's Career Day was deemed a tremendous success! Even though there were several other events in the area (Memorial Run and the Revlon Walk for Cancer), there was still a turnout of over 200 people and many of them took our initial written test to become a Los Angeles Police Officer.

I feel it necessary to tell you that a lot of preparation went into this year's event, and here are the officers who made it happen: Officers **Marcel Morris**, #31128, **Lin Hom**, #31821, and **Connie Guerrero**, #31295. They made a fabulous team, spending countless hours on a multitude of 15.2s, but also on a stack of paper that even the great Governor of Minnesota, "The Body," couldn't pick up.

Recruitment Loans

Recruitment Section is happy to entertain any P-II or P-III loans in the future. The perks include, but are certainly not limited to, on-duty travel, administrative experience, flexible hours, career enhancement, and also acquiring a skill that you can take back to your respective divisions and teach others. Think about this great opportunity! Talk to you next month.

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Internal Combustion

by David McGill
I.A.G.

Sorry about missing last month's article. There were just too many things going on near the time of the deadline, and we missed the boat. We'll catch up now.

Welcome Mat

We wish to welcome Sgts. **Donna Cox** and **Marianus Vonkoff**, and Dets. **Synthia Lee** and **Chris Waters** to our group. Congratulations on your promotions too!

West Section Happenings

Sgt. **Joel Justice** continues his bonding program with his newborn bundle of joy Matthew, whose arrival was monitored closely by all. Matthew is now being driven around in a plush new child car seat, sponsored by Joel's peers at IAG. Although Joel is temporarily away, his return is greatly anticipated.

Sgt.s **Michael Perez** and **Mario Munoz**, who were assigned to other sec-



Goodbye, Rose. Thanks for everything.

Lou Segura, **Ellis Imaizumi**, and **Dana Berns**; Det. **Yolanda Carson**; P.O.-2s **Joe Hernandez**, and **Kathy McClements**, and **SCT Mary Sy**.

Also in the last two deployment periods, several individuals from IAG have

his dogs. Most of the activities that Bob and his wife Michele enjoyed were centered around their animals.

Bob was a member of the San Fernando Rangers, a volunteer community service organization that raises money for charities. Bob was on the board of directors and helped organize many



"Cowboy Bob" Kestler, #14309 (7/22/45 - 4/8/99) - Rest in Peace

fund-raising events and trail rides. A portion of the money raised was donated to Cal-Net. As a Ranger, Bob spent a lot of time on trail rides or riding in parades throughout Southern California promoting their activities. The Rangers have erected and dedicated a memorial plaque to Bob, which is on a gazebo at Rangers Headquarters in the San Fernando Valley. The gazebo had been built by Bob and stands as a symbol of his commitment and tireless contributions to the Ranger organization.

Bob's love of cooking inspired him to design his own kitchen. He loved to have his friends over so he could show off his kitchen and new recipes. Bob would bring some of his special treats to RHD. His carrot cake was a particular favorite; in fact, many detectives joked with Bob that if he ever got divorced they would have to marry him.

Bob also loved to read. The books he enjoyed centered around the west, cowboys and cooking. He loved to tell stories and he always had a million ideas in his

tions in the recent past, are welcome additions to this unit. Ever diligent and enterprising, they are a big plus to the section.

Carolyn Rover-Jackson is another new addition to West Section. According to the Section OIC, her dedication, work ethic and warm personality has added to the cohesiveness of the unit.

Goodbyes

We're sorry to see these fine, hard-working people leave the group in the last couple of DPs: Sgts. **Rob Edgar**,



West Section personnel - all smiles - assemble for a birthday luncheon.

successfully promoted out of the group and into new and challenging assignments. Congratulations are in order to: P.O.-3 **Lisa Wedekind**, who obtained



Ida and Tricia beaming at their luncheon.

a Detective Trainee spot at 77th Street Detectives; new Exec. Secretary **Rose Blanco**, who went to HRB; new Secretary **Leslie Pena**, who will move across the hallway into Investigations Section; and new Lts. **Rick Angelos** (Northeast), **Steve Knieriem** (Van Nuys), and **David McGill** (Southwest).

New MA **Ida Rubio** will be leaving the LAPD and moving to the City Clerk Department. **Tricia Overby**, who wasn't with us for too long to begin with, has joined ranks with the DWP. They will be missed a great deal. Best of luck to everyone in their new assignments.

Until next time . . .



If they wonder why I'm not uptight
Just tell 'em "He's gone ridin'!"

Although I'll probably be rich
And watching' my bank account risin'
While others are dying of heart attacks
If they ask about me, just tell 'em
"He's gone ridin'!"

As I put on my chaps and buckle my spurs
I pity those who are cryin'
They're so worried about what
somebody will think
If they should ask about me, just tell 'em
"He's gone ridin'!"

There's something about a horse that
makes you feel free
Not pushed in a corner or tied in
If the office should call,
you can tell 'em for me
"He'll be right back."
"He's gone ridin'!"

When the day comes to cash in my chips
I won't be afraid of dyin'
On the other side there will be new trails
And if they should ask, just tell 'em
"He's gone ridin'!"

- Author Unknown



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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh
Training Division

Baker-to-Vegas Relay

Training Division and Air Support Division runners participated in the 800 Relay Team for the Baker-to-Vegas Run. There were extremely competitive teams this year. Some of the other teams included LAPD's Metro Division and the



LAPD T.D. / A.S.D. van with Officers Marc Hemsworth and Jeff Freyermuth.

LASD's Special Enforcement Bureau. The Training Division/Air Support Division was able to achieve Third Place in the 800 Team and Fourteenth Place, overall. Every runner for our team gave their maximum effort to win in these categories. Congratulations to both Training/Air Support Teams and the support personnel! Sgt. Jim Katapodis of the Human Relations Training Unit was the Baker-to-Vegas Public Relations Officer. He broadcasted the event as it unfolded, from the beginning to end. To this day, Sgt. Katapodis claims that a selected few officers of our Department actually "heard" his broadcast on the KFWB news station.

Favorite Officer of the Class

Officer Mike Jolicoeur of the Academic Instruction Training Unit was selected as the Overall Favorite Instructor

for the 10-98 Recruit Officer Class. Mike has been an outstanding instructor for the AITU unit for the past 1-1/2 years. Jolicoeur's specialty has been in the area of traffic-related classes (Mike was the primary author for the LAPD's Traffic Manual). Officer Jolicoeur has enthusiasm for the job that is incomparable with that of other academy instructors. Congratulations!

Certificate of Appreciation

On April 20, 1999, Officer Sheila Daniel of the Human Relations Training Unit received a certificate of appreciation



Sheila Daniel with Commissioner Dean Hansell and Dep. Chief Martin Pomeroy.

from the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners for her work on the Hate Crimes Task Force. Commissioner Dean Hansell stated that Sheila's dedication and leadership helped place the LAPD at the forefront of law enforcement agencies throughout North America in combating crimes motivated by hate and bias. Great job!

New Delivery

In April, 1999, Officer Greg Davis and his wife, Dana, delivered Brayden Davis (8 pounds, 3 ounces, 21 inches in length).



ASD's Jack Brandt.

Congratulations to both of them! This is Greg's fifth child. I have always wondered why he "mysteriously" forgot his lunch money, every time we ate together. We will provide a photo of his newest achievement in the July, 1999 Blue Line.

Promotions and Transfers

Congratulations to Officers Mendez, Nino, and Papietro on their promotions to the rank of detective. Mendez will transfer to Central Division. Nino and Papietro will both go to Narcotics Division.

Sgt. Snyder (Central Traffic Division) and Segura (Internal Affairs Group) will transfer to our division. Welcome!

Finally, Officer Carlisle (Physical Training/Self-Defense) will transfer to Foothill Division. Good luck there!!

Sick/IOD Stuff

A big welcome back to Officer Cynthia French, who was critically injured in a shooting on New Year's Eve. After leaving the hospital, Cindy recuperated at her parent's home in Carpinteria—guess



photo by Dennis P. Zine
North Hollywood officers recognized for their outstanding work during a luncheon at the Sportsmans Lodge.



photo by Dennis P. Zine
North Hollywood detectives recognized for their outstanding detective work.

all that ocean air helped get her back to work a lot faster than anticipated.

We also send get well wishes to Officers Monica Bess, Jimmy Gastelo, Paul Cardinet, and Chuck Vaughn plus Sgt. Linder. It will be nice to see their smiling faces back at work once they are released from medical supervision.

That's all from No Ho, where bank robbers and graffiti are history!

No Ho news

by John Marsden & Joane Bryant
North Hollywood Division

Congrats to the No Ho running team. We finished 10th in the Mixed Division at Baker to Vegas—our best finish ever!

Thanks to the runners and our support group for their hard work and time. A job well done!



North Hollywood Running Team and Support Group.

Leg Runner	Length	Time
Kevin Harley	5.5	40.45
Joan Leuck	5.7	46.15
Chris Razo	7.0	60.30
John Caprarelli	5.1	43.15
Dana Kuipers	6.0	50.41
Marco Oropesa	6.1	51.15
Jason Malik	6.2	51.16
Art Hernandez	7.3	59.28
Mario Aguilar	6.8	53.05
John Catalano	5.8	47.08
Roger Watson	5.2	42.35
Meghan Prestler	4.7	43.07
Jim Miller	6.9	55.00
Carlos Camacho	5.2	40.50
Stacey Gann	5.4	43.20
Chris Michaelides	5.5	47.10

onshire; R. Rodriguez, #30733, to Foothill; M. Eck, #25477, and N. Nemecek, #34424, to Van Nuys. Have fun with your new assignments and be safe!

Incoming!

A No-Ho welcome to K. Davis, #27982, from USD(?); M. Frommeling, #34276, from Foothill; M. Barrick, #34383 (Hollenbeck); I. Lowe, #34414 (Northeast); E. Peltier, #33498 (Wilshire), and lastly, our newest recruits from the mighty class of 10/98, R. Estevez, #35053, and I. Guillermo, #35060. Good luck and enjoy North Hollywood Area, the bet kept secret in LAPD (oops!).

and even a better supervisor. For once in your life, listen to pop! Good luck, Billy, you will enjoy Devonshire.

Incoming - Part II

Congratulations to Dan Gaglione and his wife, Marcella, proud parents of a 7 pound, 9 ounce baby boy, Daniel James Gaglione. All are doing well and Dan has promised to handle the three and six a.m. feedings! (Yeah, right).

TRAFFIC TALK



by Eugene Bedolla
and Bill Whittaker
South Traffic Division

Greetings to all from your amigos at South Traffic.

The Challenge Cup Update

Let's begin this month's article with the major topic concerning law enforcement and the month of April. That's right. I am speaking of the Baker



to Vegas Challenge Cup. For the fourth consecutive year, South Traffic Division has overcome the odds and fielded a team. This year we ran in memory of our fellow STD Motor Officer **Todd Hunter**. We finished in 26th place in the mixed category. This is the best finish for our division. The glow you see on this page is the pride we at STD are exhibiting for our accomplishment. The motto for 199 at STD should read "The Do More With Less" Division. This is not meant as a negative, because we will handle all of the challenges placed before us no matter what the size of our division. But as anyone involved in the coordinating of a team well knows, this is a tremendous undertaking.

I will start with the man most responsible for this year's team. None other than one of L.A.'s finest motor cops, **Harold Hills**. Even with his current physical challenges, Officer Hills once again rose to the challenge to coordinate this year's team. Next I want to recognize my fellow officers who met the challenge with their sweat and sheer determination to complete their assigned leg. **Terry "I Smoked 'em All" Klaske, Michael** "Athlete of the Cen-

Applewhite and **Sharon Shannon**. The names of all others who provided all manner of support is much too long to list here, but you know who you are and we say thank you and your efforts were deeply appreciated. Finally, a thank you to Captain **Mayweather** for his support of this activity.

Kehoe Rides Again - The Tradition Continues

On white iron horses they come up the road—small at first, hanging in the heat near 103rd and Central, until the distance thrusts them forth. Their hum bulges to thunder as they draw closer. The Kehoes—father and son—have arrived.

This is **Steve**, Sr.'s last official ride. He will retire in July. He has donned his motor helmet, boots and gloves for the last time with the Los Angeles Police Department. After spending 27 years on the street with 19 years on motors, he proudly rides with his son, "Little Big Steve" on their special day together. "Little Big Steve" recently graduated at the top of his motor class and will be assigned to Central Traffic Division to carry on the proud tradition that his father started.

Steve, Sr. leaves a legacy of professionalism for his son and for all Los Angeles Police Officers, especially motor cops. During his career, he made over 3,000 traffic stops, wrote thousands of tickets and put a lot of people in jail; yet, he never received a personnel complaint. (Talk about verbal judo!) He earned over 75 commendations and received the Medal of Valor in 1993 when he was shot twice while engaged in a raging gunfight and pursuit of a robbery suspect. During the incident, Steve saved the life of a 12-year-old girl who had been taken hostage by the suspect.

STD. After 30 plus years serving and protecting the citizens of L.A., Mike has pulled the pin and is off to enjoy his retirement. Mike, thank you for your hard work. Enjoy, enjoy.

Additionally, STD is losing our second 30-year man, **Sgt. Steve Ellis**. Sgt. Ellis was only at STD a short portion of his 30-year plus career, but as our Training Coordinator, he did a magnificent job. Salud! To you, Sgt. Ellis, may you have at least 30 years of relaxing retirement.

STD's loss is CTD's gain. I am speaking of my ex-boot, **Egon "The Big Kahuna" Keil**. Hey Bro, we at STD wish you all of the best as you strap on your



"Little Big Steve Kehoe" and "Big Steve Kehoe."

They say there are two types of people on this Department—Motor Cops and those that want to be. The Kehoes are motor cops and proud of it.

Together, they ride away down the road. Far away now, they blend as one in the sunlight, two of L.A.'s finest.

The 30-Year Men

Did you know Officer **Mike Hillhouse**? Well he was an institution at

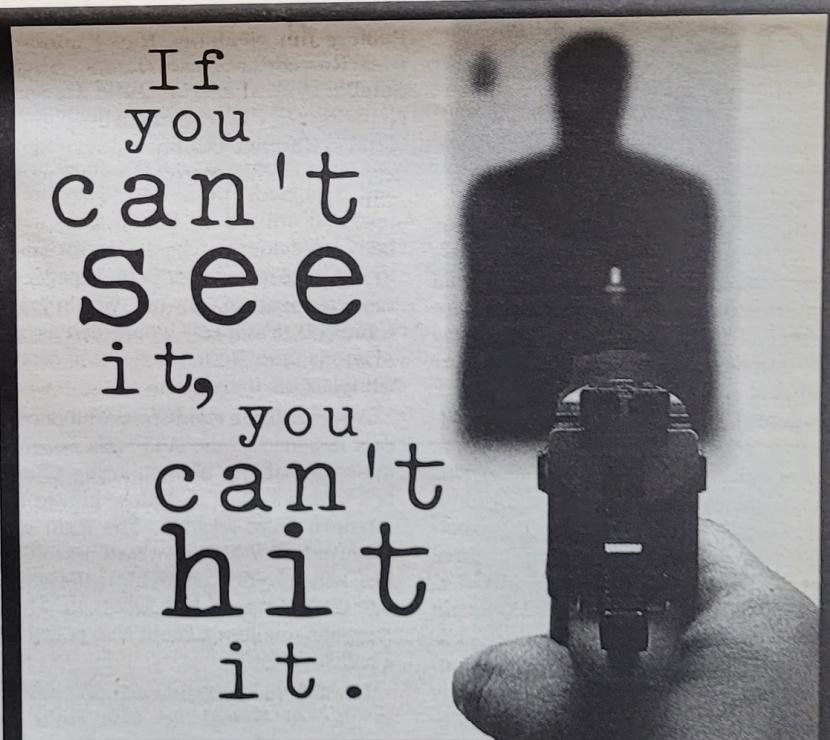
new motor boots and ride off in search of the next greenie.

Welcome to all who have joined our division, and best wishes to all who have departed.

Finally, a quick and speedy recovery to all of our sick, ill, and injured officers. Don't forget to give them a call at home.

Until the next *Blue Line*, Motors keep the rubber on the road and C.I. keep the light bar off the pavement.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by George Brietigam III
Rampart Division

Rampart History

On March 10, 1998, personnel from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) made contact with a confidential informant, who had information regarding the sales of automatic weapons to 18th Street gang members. The informant was willing to introduce an under-

The officers soon discovered that Bernal was acting as a middleman for the main supplier of the weapons. The main suspect was Kevin Campbell who resides in the city of Simi Valley. Campbell was a known "gun enthusiast" and an expert marksman. Campbell had prior arrests for carrying a concealed weapon. During that arrest he was wearing ballistic body armor. Campbell represented a significant threat to the officers' safety due to his previous criminal behavior, his access to ballistic armor and high caliber fully automatic weapons.

On May 14, 1998, at 1500 hours, Officers Montoya and Tovar and ATF Special Agent Fragoso briefed personnel assigned to Rampart CRASH. The CRASH officers were utilized to assist in the arrest of Bernal and Campbell and the search of their residences. A tactical plan was formulated and each officer was as-



Just a few of the weapons recovered by Michael Montoya and Humberto Tovar.

cover police officer to his/her weapons supplier. Police Officer III Michael Montoya and Police Officer II Humberto Tovar have been assigned to the ATF/Los Angeles Police Department Task Force which have investigated the illegal sales of weapons to violent street gangs. Officer Montoya and Special Agent Fragoso (ATF) were the lead investigators and Officer Tovar was assigned the duties of the undercover officer.

Officer Tovar was introduced to Jesus Bernal via the confidential informant. Tovar was able to gain the trust of Bernal and effectively negotiated the purchase of several fully automatic assault rifles and semi-automatic handguns. Tovar routinely purchased these fully loaded, dangerous weapons from Bernal. Although "covered" by a surveillance team, Tovar was often exposed to the risk of his identity being discovered or being "double crossed" by his unscrupulous associates. Tovar successfully purchased three fully automatic Inland M-1 assault rifles, two fully automatic Colt AR-15 assault rifles, and twelve semi-automatic handguns. During the investigation, Defendant Bernal made reference to his ability to obtain hand grenades and other explosive devices. However, a successful purchase of these items was not negotiated.

signed specific tasks and were apprised of the specific dangers that each individual represented toward law enforcement and the community.

A pre-designated meet location was arranged in which Bernal and Campbell would be arrested after the purchase of an additional Colt AR-15 and various semi-automatic handguns. The transaction was to take place at the "El Presidente" restaurant, which is located at Rinaldi Street and Sepulveda Boulevard. The modus operandi utilized by Bernal and Campbell on previous purchases was for Tovar to negotiate a deal with Bernal at a prearranged location, Bernal would page Campbell, Campbell would deliver the weapons, and Bernal and Tovar would complete the transaction.

A surveillance team composed of officers assigned to the ATF was assigned the responsibility of monitoring Campbell's activity and to follow him to the arranged meet location. The team was deployed with high-powered assault rifles, which were comparable to the weapons that Campbell had access to. Their weapons munitions could also penetrate a ballistic vest.

Initially, the operation was proceeding as planned. Bernal met with Tovar on May 14, 1998, at 1830 hours. Tovar negotiated the purchase of the Colt AR-15

and a Norinco AK-47 assault rifle. Bernal exited the restaurant with Tovar and showed him additional handguns, which he had concealed inside the trunk of his vehicle. After Bernal closed the trunk, an arrest team was sent into the parking lot and Bernal was taken into custody without incident. Unfortunately, the officers were soon advised that the ATF surveillance team assigned to monitor Campbell's activity lost sight of him. His whereabouts were unknown. Personnel assigned to Rampart CRASH were sent to previous meet locations in an attempt to locate Campbell's vehicle.

Officer Montoya and Special Agent Fragoso, who were driving an unmarked Pontiac Grand Am, located Campbell's vehicle parked inside a McDonald's parking lot on Balboa Blvd. north of Devonshire St. Montoya notified the CRASH officers of the suspect's location. Air Support Division was also contacted for assistance. Rampart CRASH personnel responded toward the location. Unfortunately, because of the various previous meet locations, the units were dispersed throughout the San Fernando Valley.

Police Officers Brian Miyakawa and Craig Heredia were the first unit to arrive at Montoya's location. As they arrived, Campbell abruptly left the McDonald's parking lot northbound on Balboa Blvd. The officers were aware that Campbell was in possession of a fully automatic assault rifle and was an expert marksman. The officers noted that Balboa Blvd. north of Rinaldi St. was relatively vacant of pedestrian traffic and residential homes.

Unfortunately, Campbell was traveling toward Interstate 5 and there was the potential of exposing a greater portion of the Los Angeles community to a "North Hollywood" type shooting. The officers realized they had to take immediate action. They also realized that by taking immediate action they were reducing the risk to a greater proportion of the Los Angeles community, but they were increasing the threat to their own personal safety. Because of the officers' dedication and trust in their training, the officers negotiated the high-risk felony stop.

The officers received approval for deploying shotgun slug rounds in the event that they were involved in a traffic stop. Those rounds were deployed in the event that Campbell elected to engage the officers in a gun battle. Officers Miyakawa and Heredia took over the point and activated their emergency lights and siren in an attempt to pull Campbell's vehicle over. Initially, Campbell continued to drive northbound from the location. Campbell then pulled the east curb and was ordered from his vehicle. Campbell appeared surprised when he turned toward Heredia and Miyakawa's vehicle and noticed Montoya and Fragoso also deployed on his vehicle. Campbell was placed into a felony prone position and Officers Heredia and Miyakawa cleared his vehicle. Campbell was approached and secured in handcuffs. A fully loaded Heckler Koch .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun was recovered from Campbell's front waistband. The Colt AR-15, an AK-

47, and an additional handgun were recovered from the cab compartment of Campbell's vehicle. Campbell was taken into custody without incident.

A search warrant was served on Bernal and Campbell's residences. Personnel assigned to ATF seized 25 fully automatic assault rifles, 32 semiautomatic handguns, 100,000 rounds of ammunition, and \$9,000.00.

Kevin Campbell represented a significant threat to law enforcement within Southern California. He is an expert marksman who made no attempt to conceal his illegal activity. A Colt AR-15 and AK-47 were placed on the front seat of his vehicle in clear view. Campbell routinely drove in an erratic manner while transporting these weapons to the predetermined meet location. It was as if Campbell wanted to be stopped by an officer who was unaware of his action. An officer who could be lured into an ambushing.

Stork Update

Congratulations to Chris Merlo and wife Jelena Merlo. On February 1, 1999, at 2:30 p.m., they became the parents of a 7 pound, 10 ounce baby girl. At 20 inches, Cassidy Lillian Fonseca Merlo is doing fine. Congratulations are also due



Cassidy Merlo taking a nap.

Ron Lopez and wife Jeanette. On March 8, 1999, they were blessed with their second daughter. Casey Lynn Lopez was 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. Mom, older sister, Alyssa, and baby are doing fine. Dad is now looking for more off-duty work.

Fresh Meat!

Rampart welcomes Det. R. Davis from NHWD, P-2 J. Hernandez from IAG, P-2 J. Closson from 77th, P-2 T. Rodriguez from TBD, P-2 F. Prieto from TRD, and P-2 J. Erwin from WLA. Rampart also welcomes Probationer M. O'Beirne.

See Ya!

Rampart regrets to announce the departure of Sgt. Mike Arminio to HWD, P-2 David Hwang, and P-2 Robert Quiroz to 77th Div., P-2 Steven Cornell to ASD and P-2 Ronald Lopez and P-2 Jack Reed to WIL. All are outstanding examples of Rampart Officers. You will be missed.

Climbers!

Congratulations are due Manuel Dickerson and Leno Santana on their promotion to (P-3+1) SLO.

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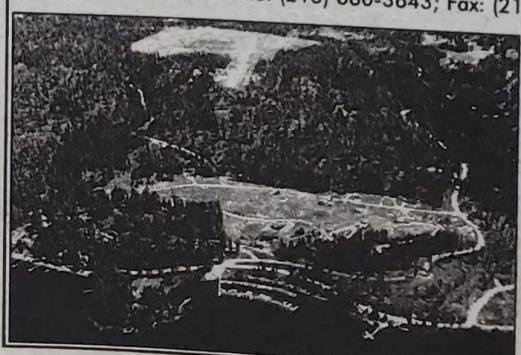
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by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

Southeast, No Losers Here

Congratulations to the Southeast Area Elite Baker to Vegas running team. Sgt. **Marty Weston** promised an exceptional performance by all the team members and we all got more than



expected. Southeast placed 6th out of 62 in the mixed category with no penalties obtained. I would especially like to point out the extraordinary performance by Officer **Tim Colomey**. Some may recall that in May of 1997 a car hit Tim while in foot pursuit. Tim received extensive injuries due to the accident and was out of work for several months. His extraordinary good physical health, endurance, motivation and the support of personal/LAPD family led to his complete recovery. Tim proved his complete recovery with the fast run times during the Baker to Vegas tryouts and his great performance in the run itself. I would also like to acknowledge the great run time by one of Southeast's newest sergeants, **Jay Nunez** (AKA Viejo). His speed leaves no question about his physical potential. We are going to use him as the designated foot pursuit Supervisor in Southeast.

I would like to acknowledge the other Southeast team members: Officers **Caesar Huezo**, **Alan Shepherd**, **Derek Moreno**, **Tim Swift**, **Robert Rodriguez**, **Tony Perez**, **Dave Loera**, **Carlos Olmos**, **Dave Maxon**, **Mario Adame**, **Dahlia Vizeana**, **Sgt. Kathy Meek**, **SLO Floro Pinzon**, Officers **Maricella De La Riva**, **Andy Osman**, and **Wilberto Tores**. Thanks to the Team Captain, Sgt. **Marty Weston**, and Officer **Sonia Dibell**, who although no longer assigned to Southeast was instrumental in the organizing of the team.

On April 29, 1999, 22 members of the Southeast family went to Anaheim Hills Golf Course to face a tough Wilshire Division in a friendly tournament. The course conditions were near perfect and the greens were very slick. In addition to the slick greens, the wind howled through the canyons and hill making each fairway appear narrower than they were. The format during the

tournament was individual stroke play. The winner was determined by the top 12 scores of each team. At the end of the tournament, Southeast Division took home the trophy by beating Wilshire Division by a whopping 33 strokes. The top 12 golfers from Southeast Division were as follows, in order: Det. **Dave Torres**, Sgt. **Henry Quan**, Det. **Jessie Bazan**, Officer **Walt McMahon**, Lt. **Jim "JR" Rubert**, SLO **Josh Chong** (AKA soon to be dad), Sgt. **Ted Maillet** (AKA Damnit I am in charge), Officer **Steve Estrada** (AKA shooter), Officer **Shawn "The Little Man" Havican**, Officer **Nick Milazzo**, Sgt. **Jeff Hamilton** and Sgt. **Cheri Doolittle**. The remaining team members were Officer **James Quinones**, Det. **Oscar Lamarque**, Officer **Al**

Vice OIC. They seem to have been enjoying the whole role playing a bit much as evidenced by the photo. I must point out that the Vice unit, although not recognized as often as they should be, is doing real good with a short staff. If anyone out there has ever worked Vice in Watts, they know it is no easy task.

I would like to welcome back Officer **Debbie Rossman Rigler**, who was on a short extended getaway taking care of PB. Thanks for the DP #8 vacation. I



Officer Debbie Rossman Rigler making sure all OT compliance is met.

would like to welcome back OG Officer **Marczenko** on his recent recovery of an old war injury. Glad to see he is back and especially appreciative that he is working my basic car.

Southeast Commendable Caper

Recently, Officer Stice and Stevens were assigned 18A63 in the area of 89th Street and Wall Street. They observed two, not one, law-abiding citizens making a hand-to-hand exchange (possibly recipes). The two officers, knowing

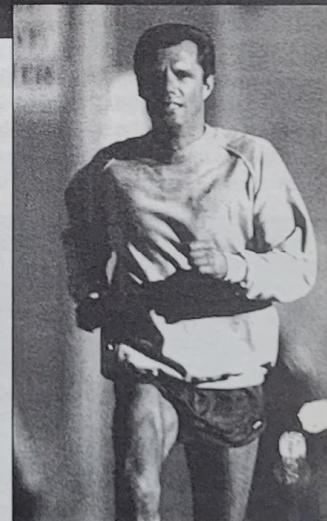
better, attempted to stop the fine citizens to obtain the recipe at which point they were dimed off. The two area residents ran to an adjacent apartment building. One of the taxpayers removed a small caliber handgun from his waistband as he ran away. The smart man, along with two other patriots, ran into an apartment and slammed the door, locked the door, believing the officers would just simply leave. Well, the officers opened the door with the help of some metal object and tactfully called out the occupants. One veteran attempted to flush some dope, another threw the gun out the window and the other tried to conceal everything else. Officer Marczenko, **McDonald**, and **Jordan** assisted in the investigation on these inmates. All three were filed for possession for sales of cocaine.

"In and Out"

I would like to bid a farewell to Sgt. **H. Cho**, who has been reassigned to Jail Division. He will be missed a lot on day watch. We are all wondering who will give us those primo days off. Farewell to Sgt. **D. Belthius** who is off to CB. Thanks for the training you provided and good luck. Good luck to the new D-I **L. Veazie**, who is off to Wilshire. Congratulations to the new motor officer, **Kehoe**, who is now at Central Traffic. Farewell to Officer **E. Silva** (PAC), Officer **S. Hale** (CB), Officer **J. Williams** (PAC), Officer **M. Prince** (TBD), Officer **J. Trejo** (TBD), and Officer **D. Villareal** (TBD). Welcome to Det.-I **A. Lucie** (WIL), Sgt. **E. Imaizumi** (SGT), Officer **M. Presler** (NHWD), Officer **C. Ellison** (WLA), Officer **M. Johnson** (Academy), and Officer **T. Stone** (Academy).

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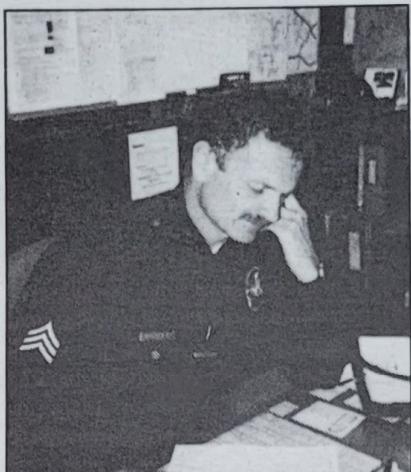
DIVISIONAL REPORTER

West L.A. Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

This month I'd like to profile Sgt. Steve Margolis who has been a sergeant at West L.A. for approximately 1-1/2 years. He is a dedicated 10-year veteran who has a belief in the organization. He said, "I have particularly enjoyed the quality of the people in the LAPD." He has led some interesting roll calls, including one on the physiology of the brain, using colors to identify the various brain lobes and their functions (say whaaaaat?!). He has taught undergraduate college courses in science and methodology as well as Behavioral Science graduate courses at Cal State Dominguez Hills. In 1985 he studied with various police departments in different corners of

the world, such as Israel and France. The things he least remembered were, "the extraordinary wine and food in France." To him this was "an extraordinary opportunity to understand the variety of re-



Sgt. Steve Margolis, the Lizard Man.

sponses to terrorism at that time." And now Sgt. Margolis would like to talk about animals. His interest in wildlife started at a very young age when he spent a lot of time traveling and collecting various species. He originally wanted to become a zoologist or a biologist. The "end

game" was that he owned a pet shop in his early twenties consisting of exotic pets, and also had an animal import firm. Just think, he gave it all up to become a police officer! His favorite animal was a Slow Loris from Malaysia named Rascal, a teddy-bear-like animal with large brown eyes, otherwise known as a primate monkey. He currently works at the L.A. Zoo with animal behaviorist Dr. Jane Goodall helping to educate children on environmental and wildlife issues. His house pets include Aristotle, "just a 4-1/2 foot iguana," and two smaller iguanas. He said that the big one just walks around, but the other two stay in their cages. The neighbors are safe for now as these are strictly indoor lizards! Oh yeah, I almost forgot, he also speaks French. Tu connais, Steve?

The annual Baker to Vegas police relay was held in April where West L.A. placed 13th, even though they received 15th place mugs. This year's team included the following runners: Capt. Kroeber, Szymkowiak, Ellison, Biggs, Enbody, Guzman, Mejia, Trombetta, LaBomme, Gallagher, Strong, Sgt. B. Smith, Sgt. Lally, Saucerman, Seagrave, Macias, Rodriguez, P. Smith, Khouri, Stainbrook. My apologies to anyone omitted from the list. By the way, next year alternate Sandra Donaway will run for sure!

Yes, it's vacation time. And while sitting aboard American Airlines flight #76

to Washington, D.C., I thought I'd write a Commendable Cop Caper. I was thinking about P3+1 Andre Wilkins and the bank robber he nabbed in Michael's shoe store at the corner of Wilshire and Bannington. This happened on April 23, 1999, at change of watch, while PMs were logging on. I had just arrived home from day watch, heard the air unit circling overhead, and wondered what could be going on at that hour—1530 hours. Well, I found out later that an elderly male wanted for several bank 211s in the area had been apprehended. This particular robber made his entry and getaways from the bank in a taxi, parking his BMW about 1/2 mile away from the scene of the crime. One of the banks called the police after seeing a "wanted" flyer and realized a person fitting that description had been inside the bank the previous day. When the same man showed up again, the employees dialed 9-1-1 and soon had the bank surrounded by cops. The suspect took off running down Wilshire Blvd. with Officer Wilkins hot on his heels, and into the shoe store. A handgun flung from the suspect's left hand accidentally discharged as he attempted to toss it away, missing Officer Wilkins. Wilkins then tackled the suspect who was summarily arrested and booked for approximately 6 bank robberies. That's one small arrest for a man, one giant victory for mankind.

Eastern Horizon

by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy June, everyone. Here's wishing you and your loved ones an enjoyable and very relaxing summer.

Congratulations

Let me begin this month's article by sending out my most sincere congratulations to our very own Senior Lead Officer **Donna Alvarado**. Donna, who is now known as Mrs. Norton, was wed February 20, 1999, to retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant Steven Norton. Sergeant Nor-

ton and we wish you good luck and lots of happiness as you begin your new life together.

Baker to Vegas

Congratulations also go out to our Baker to Vegas running team, the Roadrunners. This year's team was highly successful and able to obtain a mug as they finished 9th in the Station Category. This was Hollenbeck's best finish in several years at the annual Challenge Cup Relay. We will be looking forward to improving even more while getting ready for the

Dugger on their selection as Hollenbeck's "Best of the Best" for 1998. Further, Sgt. Barela was also honored as Central Bureau's Sergeant of the Year. Our hats go off to these fine individuals and we thank them for their great contributions as they continue to unselfishly serve the citizens of Los Angeles.

Update

As I reported in an earlier issue, Senior Lead Officer **Richard "Teddy Bear" Jimenez** had been ill and spent some time in the hospital, following surgery. I am

which is where he ends his long tenure. Ben now moves on to new challenges. Ben, best wishes on your retirement and good luck in the future.

Changing of the Guard

There has recently been a change of command here in the great East Side. We'd like to welcome **Captain Paul Pasqueira**, who promoted to Captain 3 and moved in from Narcotics Division, where he was a Captain 2. Capt. Pasqueira, congratulations on your promotion and welcome to Hollenbeck Division. Capt. Thomas Moselle, who actually served two tours at Hollenbeck, first as a Captain 1, then as a Captain 3, is now assigned to Northeast Division. Capt. Moselle, thanks for your great leadership while you were assigned to Hollenbeck and good luck in your new assignment.

Station Fundraisers

We have two events to benefit the station fund scheduled for the month of June. On June 16th, we will be hosting a barbecue at Hollenbeck Station, under the breezeway, from 1100-1600 hours. Cost for the all-you-can-eat event is \$5.00. On Friday, June 15th, we will be at Noa Noa' Pub in the city of Whittier. The event will start at 2000 hours and the cost will also be \$5.00. Please support your station fund by attending both events. The proceeds will be used to offset the cost of our annual picnic and Christmas party. For more information on these events, please see PSR Linda Ortega in the subpoena control office.

Hollenbeck Open House

On May 2, 1999, Hollenbeck opened its doors to the local community. The event was a great success under the supervision of Sgt. **Mike Peterson**. Several Department entities were represented. The Police Activities League, under the guidance of Officer **Sergio Villasenor**, put on an exhibition of its off-road motorcycle program as well as its boxing program. The local citizens were treated to an array of "goodies" as well as to several entertainment programs, which included dancers. Judging by the crowd's reaction, a great time was had by all and the event was very much appreciated.

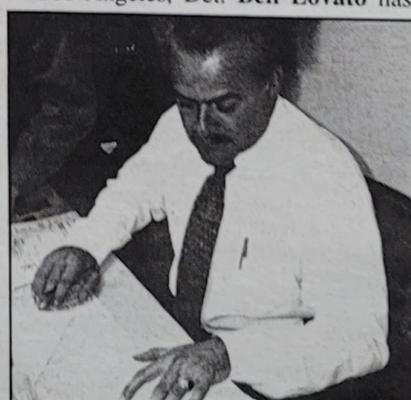


The Hollenbeck "Road Runners."

now happy to report that Richard is doing very well and is almost back to his normal self. By the time this issue goes to press, Teddy Bear should be back-to-back among us here at work.

Retirement Announcement

After 32 years of service to the citizens of Los Angeles, Det. Ben Lovato has



Ben Lovato is now a civilian.

decided to pull the plug. Ben's distinguished career included a stint as head of Hollenbeck's Homicide Detectives,

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SPORTS BEAT

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LAPD'S 4th in a Row!

Metro Red Team Captures Second Straight Baker to Vegas Relay

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

For the first time ever, LAPD teams claimed four straight victories when the Metro Red Team crossed the finish line at the Tropicana Hotel to win the 15th Annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay on April 10-11. Coach Toy Beard's squad of top runners shaved 30 minutes over last year's time to win their second consecutive race in 13:10:38, 10 minutes ahead of a surprising California Highway Patrol team. Metro now joins Air Support/Training Division as the only LAPD teams to capture back-to-back races.

Doubling the happy news for the rough and ready division, for the second straight year the Metro Blue Team finished in the Open Division's top 10—this year climbing its way up to sixth place with a 32-minute improvement over 1998. Completing the Open Division's top five slots were LASD Central Jail, San Diego Police, and the California

State Parks Police. Narcotics Group came in 12th and Transit Group 21st.

Coming in second among all teams, and winning the 800 Division (combined age of all 20 runners is over 800 years) for the seventh consecutive year was LASD's Special Enforcement Bureau. Sheriff Lee Baca's Greybeards came within a mere seven minutes of becoming the first non-Open Category team to finish first overall. Air Support/Training took third place among the oldies, shaving an amazing 72 minutes over 1998's time, and the LAPD Retired team came in eighth.

One hundred ninety-three teams (three shy of last year's record) answered the starter's pistol on a lonely stretch of state highway 18 miles north of Baker on Saturday, April 10. Sponsored for its 15-year history by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, and the brainchild of retired officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore, the first race was run by a mere handful of teams back in 1985. Since then it has grown steadily and today it is the world's largest law

enforcement athletic event, involving almost 5,000 runners and over 10,000 support personnel.

Pleasant but cool weather helped some of the top finishers in each division cut an hour or more off last year's times. (Runners in the 1998 race found themselves buffeted by fierce headwinds.)

Lakewood Station, in another stellar outing for Baca's Boyz, won the Stations Division for the fourth consecutive year, beating their buddies from Lennox Station, Wilshire, Foothill and 77th Street finished out the top five, with Hollenbeck coming in ninth and Van Nuys 11th.

Over in the Mixed Division, it was not to be a four-peat for FBI-San Francisco, which was soundly beaten by runners representing Stockton Area police departments. The farmers finished a healthy 34 minutes ahead of the feds, and 49 minutes ahead of Hollywood Area (taking third place for the second year in a row). Eleven of the top 20 teams in the division were from LAPD, including Southeast (jumping to sixth from 13th in 1998), Southwest (up three rungs to

eighth place), Northeast (up 12 slots to ninth), North Hollywood (10th), Rampart (11th), Pacific/West Traffic (13th), West L.A. (15th), Harbor (16th), Devonshire (17th), and Central/Central Traffic/OCB (20th).

The only other grouping with LAPD teams was the Invitational Division, in which teams are allowed to include full-time civilian employees assigned to their particular unit. Riverside County District Attorney's office again topped the Orange County Judges, but by only half of last year's 22-minute margin. Anti-Terrorist Division came in third.

In other groupings: the FBI Women's Team handily topped San Jose Police to capture the Women's Division; Fremont Police regained the title in the 300 Division (300 or fewer sworn personnel) as did the U.S. Marshal's Office in the Federal 300 Division; Whittier Police moved up from bridesmaid to take the 150 Division; and a combined Murrieta Hot Springs/Hemet Police team surprised everyone to capture the 99 Division.

Final Results - 1999 Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

OPEN CATEGORY	TIME	OVERALL FINISH	3. AIR SUPPORT/TRAINING DIV.	14:34:25	14	7. Bakersfield Police Dept.	16:22:32	71
1. METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:10:39	1	4. Las Vegas Metro Police Dept.	15:03:05	26	8. Oceanside Beach Police Dept.	16:24:42	74
2. California Highway Patrol	13:21:06	3	5. LASD Stars Center	15:08:20	27	9. L.A. Unified School Dist. Police	16:27:37	76
3. LASD Central Jail	13:27:23	4	6. LASD Pitchess Detention Center	15:19:50	32	10. Torrance Police Dept.	16:36:24	82
4. San Diego Police Dept.	13:36:37	5	7. San Jose Police Dept.	15:56:40	50			
5. Calif. State Parks Dept.	14:05:08	6		15:57:23	51			
6. METRO DIVISION (BLUE TEAM)	14:28:06	10	9. LASD Lomita Station	16:09:44	62			
7. Anaheim Police Dept.	14:29:41	11	10. LASD Central Jail	16:13:22	65			
8. Orange Co. Sheriff's Dept.	14:51:08	17						
9. San Bernardino Co. Sheriff's Dept.	14:56:51(P5)	20						
10. Santa Ana Police Dept.	14:58:15	21						
11. Reno/Washoe County Law Enfrmnt	15:01:31(P15)	25						
12. NARCOTICS GROUP	15:30:34	35						
13. IRS-CID-US Treasury Dept. #1	15:31:35	36						
14. L.A. County Probation Dept.	15:58:30	52						
15. Orange Co. Marshal's Office	16:07:54	60						
MIXED CATEGORY		OVERALL FINISH	3. WILSHIRE AREA	14:53:12	19			
(FIVE OR MORE FEMALE RUNNERS)			4. FOOTHILL AREA	15:09:12	28			
1. Stockton Area Police	14:09:39	8	5. 77TH STREET AREA	15:14:10	30			
2. FBI - San Francisco	14:44:01	15	6. LASD Lakewood Station	14:23:13	9			
3. HOLLYWOOD AREA	14:58:49	22	7. LASD Lennox Station	14:44:22	16			
4. LASD Court Services Division	15:15:48	31	8. LASD Century Station	15:26:50	34			
5. L.A. County District Attorneys	15:23:51	33	9. LASD Temple Station	15:39:57	40			
6. SOUTHEAST AREA	15:33:13	37	10. LASD Norwalk Station	15:40:32	41			
7. U.S. Border Patrol #1	15:44:45	44	11. LASD Industry Station	15:44:25	43			
8. SOUTHWEST AREA	15:51:16	49		16:12:27	63			
9. NORTHEAST AREA	16:00:48	54						
10. NORTH HOLLYWOOD AREA	16:07:07	58						
11. RAMPART AREA	16:07:41	59						
12. U.S. Customs - Los Angeles	16:08:01	61						
13. PACIFIC AREA/								
WEST TRAFFIC DIV.	16:17:53	67						
14. Riverside Police Dept.	16:34:28	80						
15. WEST LOS ANGELES AREA	16:39:56	83						
WOMEN'S CATEGORY		OVERALL FINISH	300 CATEGORY	OVERALL FINISH				
(ALL FEMALE RUNNERS)			(300 OR FEWER SWORN PERSONNEL)	TIME	FINISH			
1. Federal Bureau of Investigation	17:09:50	108	1. Fremont Police Dept.	14:31:19	12			
2. San Jose Police Dept.	18:25:18	146	2. Pasadena Police Dept.	14:51:34	18			
3. San Diego Police Dept.	19:03:35	161	3. Chula Vista Police Dept.	15:39:43	39			
4. Dallas Police Dept.	19:11:13	164	4. Glendale Police Dept.	15:48:11	46			
5. Long Beach Police Dept.	21:48:18	180	5. Huntington Beach Police Dept.	15:59:03	53			
800 CATEGORY (TOTAL AGE OF RUNNERS OVER 800 YEARS)		OVERALL FINISH	6. Eugene Police Dept.	16:05:41	55			
1. LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:17:26	2						
2. Dallas Police Dept.	14:07:10	7						

LAPD teams in BOLD CAPS

Legend for abbreviations after time:

P# Time includes specified number of penalty minutes

U/O Unofficial time

D/Q Disqualified

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SPORTS BEAT

Hoopsters Win Season Opener; Randy Bolt Memorial Tourney

by Jerry Stokes

LAPD's #1 Basketball Team opened its season by beating the defending Midnight League basketball champions. (LAPD won the first game in 1997 and the Midnights won last year, making this the rubber match.)

Formed in 1989, the league provides inner city youth with recreational activity to help them avoid gang influence and promotes peace between rival gangs. The game was jointly sponsored by the city of Los Angeles, Coca Cola and the Los Angeles Clippers. Several young men in the league have been discovered by college scouts and provided an opportunity to gain an education via scholarship.

Handicapped by work assignments and Baker to Vegas defectors, the LAPD squad still gave an outstanding account of themselves. The Midnight Leaguers, however, gained the early momentum and led by three at the half. Warming to the task, LAPD's superior teamwork began to take its toll. Good defense, clutch free throw shooting down the stretch and control of the boards earned the hoopsters a hard fought 63-56 win.

In late April Bernie's Boyz participated for the first time in the Randy Bolt Memorial Tournament, named in honor of the California DOJ Special Agent killed in a car accident in 1995. Participants include local law enforcement agencies and the CYA. Proceeds from the event benefit the "Widows and Orphans Fund" designed for families of fallen officers.

The first game was against Long Beach. A balanced scoring effort led by Lee Perry, Mike Jackson (11 points each) and John Derouen (10) put LAPD on top,

59-27. In the next match, four LAPD players hit double figures (Jackson accounting for 22) in a 85-22 drubbing of the Department of Insurance. Stiffer competition was given by a team representing South Bay agencies in the third game, but O'Brien's 15 highlighted a balanced attack to lead LAPD to a 54-39 victory.

Confronted by the California Youth Authority team they beat in the Summer Games for the gold medal, LAPD faced its first serious challenge of the tournament. Always a formidable opponent, the CYA put up a tough battle but was overcome by LAPD's defensive intensity (led by Derouen's 13) and balance, 62-54.

As the tournament was a double elimination event, the hoopsters then had to wait for CYA and South Bay to duke it out for the right to play LAPD for the championship. CYA came out on top against the beach boys, and with a tremendous effort proved it was no push-over by forcing the championship game into overtime. Again balanced play (led by Perry and O'Brien's 13 points) ruled the day and LAPD eaked out a 72-69 victory to win the Randy Bolt Tournament. The 1999 tourney and perpetual trophy now reside in the basketball display case at the Elysian Park Academy.

Participating on this year's team, now 6-0 for the year, are: Nate Baez (HWD), Derouen (SW), Perry Griffith (77th), Brian Gura (SE), Jackson (NE), A. J. Kirby (WIL), Roderick Miller (SW), Deon Montgomery (DARE), Eric Moore (DEV), O'Brien (SE), Perry (DEV), and Dave Ulloa (HWD). Training Division Jerry Stokes is the coach, assisted by South Bureau's Mike Montgomery.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

Northeast #1 Wins Golf Tourney

For the second straight time, the Northeast #1 golfers won the April 23rd edition of the every-other-month series of LAPRAAC golf competition. Sporting a net score of 305 on the Rancho Park course, the Northeasters edged out West Valley by three strokes, with 77th Street coming in third at 318. Teams representing Northeast have won all three events this season.

Other teams all finished with good scores but lack of established handicaps made tally of net scores impossible. Individual members, however, are still in good standing to be considered for the California Games.

Next tournament will be held Friday, June 11, at Whittier Narrows Golf Course, just off the Pomona Freeway. Cost is \$45 per person and tee time is 0900. Look for flyers and applications at all divisions and the Academy. To compete individuals must have a handicap registered with the USGA or any other official golf association, and must be a member of LAPRAAC.

For more details, contact the LAPD Athletic Director's office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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Biathlon to be Held Saturday, June 5

The first-ever Intra-Departmental Biathlon is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at the Elysian Park Academy. Coordinated by the Blue Pistol Team, two-person teams will compete in six categories: men, women and mixed grouped by age (35 and under or over age 35). The event consists of a one-mile run, 12 rounds at the Range, another one-mile run, another 12 rounds, and the final one-mile run.

Registration fee of \$40 per team (\$20 each) includes a goodie bag and a chance to win prizes and merchandise. Contact Steve Estrada at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219.

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756-2731 or Helen Papietro (213) 485-3168 for more information

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Red Softball Team Wins Arizona Police Games

Playing in one of the largest police tournaments on the West Coast, with over 30 teams from Arizona, California, Nevada, Texas and New Mexico, LAPD's Red Softball Team came out on top to bring home a gold medal from the Arizona Police Games in April.

The three-day tournament started with a round-robin qualifying event that saw both the LAPD Red and Blue teams advance to the double-elimination playoff for the championship.

In the first game the Red Team, coached by Jack Martin, faced a tough San Diego Sheriff's squad. It all came down to a ninth inning slugfest with the Reds ending up on top of a 34-33 homerfest (Todd Patino, Richard Bengston, Jeff von Lutzow and Leonard Avelos combined for 12 homers). Led by the defensive play of Jose Larraga, Mike Lange and Burt Strogatz, the Reds advanced with wins over L.A. County Sheriffs and the Arizona Big Dawgs. However, in a battle of the undefeated, the Reds, dogged by injuries, suffered their first loss of the tournament, 20-16 to a combined Northern California team.

Facing elimination, the Reds were up against their brothers on the Blue Team. Strong play by Roy Brown, John Healey and Todd Cataldi saved the day and the Red Team eliminated the Blue Team from the tournament with a 25-10 win to advance to the championship game against Northern California.

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from El Salvador; Oscar Dominguez from El Salvador Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Miguel Macias from Bell Gardens Parks and Recreations; and other radio and television personalities.

Scorpion Soccer Tournament

by Jose De Leon

Scorpion Soccer Tournament was once again proud to organize its fourth annual event which took place this spring. The tournament's specific purpose is to help improve community support for law enforcement officers and fire department personnel. LAPD Det. Jose De Leon established this organization

Mr. Miguel Macias from Parks and Recreations. The event was held for six weeks, with four games played every Saturday. Among the sixteen participating teams, we had representation from Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department, El Salvador Chamber of Commerce, television Channel 52, and radio station Ten-Q.



in 1995 with this idea in mind. This year, LAPD Dets. Hugo Zepeda, Don Barfield, and Det. Richard Ramirez from LASO were among the assisting officers in bringing law enforcement, fire departments, media, and community teams together.

This year's tournament was hosted by the City of Bell Gardens with support from its mayor, Mr. David Torres and

Participating officers and firemen expressed satisfaction with the outcome of this event and stated they had a good time. While keeping in mind the upcoming Police and Fire Olympics, they saw this event as an opportunity to improve their soccer skills by playing with more competitive community soccer teams. Their participation was greatly appreciated.



this organization. We sincerely appreciate the professionalism, respect for others, and fair play demonstrated during their participation. We further would like to extend our gratitude to the following people for accompanying us during the championship game: LAPD Captain Garner, Foothill Division; LAPD Sergeant Willie Guerrero from Press Relations; Ricardo Sanchez, Mayor of Lynwood; David Torres, Mayor of Bell Gardens; Geno Meras, President of the National Hispanic Firefighters' Association; Oscar Benavides, General Consul

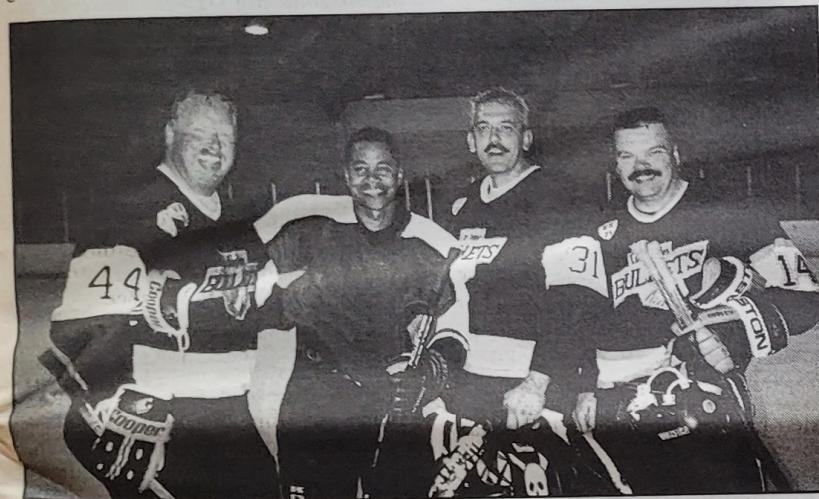
Scorpion Soccer Tournament would like to say to the rest of the participating teams (youth and adult) that we were proud and honored by their presence. We would also like to congratulate Puma U.S.A., the team with the youngest players (ranging from 16-19 years old) for their third straight championship win in this tournament. We are looking forward to next year's event, and gladly make ourselves available for any questions by contacting Det. De Leon at 213/968-9775.

L.A. Bullets End Season on High Note

by Matt Jarosak
and Tom Wich

The high flying Bullets ice hockey team has ended their season on a high note. After being 211'd (robbery in Calif. Penal Code) up in Canada, the Bullets returned home to their Burbank senior hockey league. We entered the playoffs as the top-seeded team. The team, still upset from our trip to Canada and with outstanding goaltending from Jeff Quinlan (Pac Div) and Jerry Velona (LASO), destroyed their first round opponent two games to none.

In the finals, a best two out of three series, the Bullets faced the Falcons, the only team to have defeated us all season. This team of veteran and young 20-year-olds were primed for taking the older Bullets team to task. The games were hard fought and very physical. In the opener, Jerry Velona (LASO) was a stone wall stopping five shots in the first 55 seconds alone. Thanks to the high powered offense provided by the line of Frank Kenny (WLA), John Knighton (NEWT) and Pete Shaefer (LASO), the Bullets overcame some defensive lapses and went on to win the first game 6-4. The game ended with Tom Wich (RHD)



knocking out one of the Falcons with a crosscheck to the face. There was a lot of trash talk after the game with the Falcons threatening to beat us both physically and on the score board.

Our captain, Bobby Devereaux (LASO), fired us up for game two with one of his team meetings. Unlike game one, the Bullets were the one on the offensive. Mark Wilkins and Tommy Gallagher (both LASO) provided the team with an early two-goal lead. The Bullets continued the pressure and built a 4-1 lead on a beautiful tip in goal by Matt Jarosak (ASD). The game turned physical and the Bullets ended up spending nearly half the game in the penalty box. The game was tied 5-5 late in the third period when our number one line of Kenny, Knighton and Shaefer scored two goals to seal the victory. The win was secured and the Bullets repeated as division winners. All the players were great

Ice tournament in Anaheim, and repeat winners of the Elite Division Burbank senior hockey league. (The team lost only two games the entire year.) Individual awards went to John Knighton as the MVP of the IPWG, Frank Kenny as the offensive MVP and to Tony Manente as the defensive MVP of the Bud Light tournament. A special team MVP goes out to goaltender Jeff Quinlan who did not lose a single game this year, and he was the winning goaltender for two out of our three championships. We also want to commend our only civilian, John Devereaux (one time captain of Boston University hockey team), for a great effort. He played the entire Police Winter Games with a broken leg.

This was another great season and we are looking forward to next year. If you want to play, contact Matt Jarosak at ASD for info. ♦

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Claybusters Find Arizona Gold

by Jimmy L. Trahin

Can you imagine what it's like shooting at small 60 MPH flying targets with winds gusting 30-40 MPH just to make things more interesting? Those were the conditions at times when the LAPD Trap and Sheet Team ventured to Phoenix in April to compete in the Arizona Police Games. Even the lizards and snakes were running for their holes when the sand started blowing.

Three LAPD teams participated in the competition, including Jeff Nocket, Don Bray, Ross Weddle, Tom Hartkopf, Bill Page, Dave Herrick, Greg DeWitt, Vic Elliott, Joe D'Anjou, Annie "Oakley" Hennessey, Cary Shore, Andy Gulcher, Ed Chaluff and yours truly (Jimmy Trahin). The five, 100 bird, events included 16 yd. and 21 yd. trap, trap doubles, skeet, and skeet doubles.

The first day started with LAPD taking the team silver in 16 and 21 yd. trap. Not satisfied to bask in their success, the teams buckled down and ended the day winning the gold and bronze in doubles trap. That night D'Anjou arranged a victory dinner at the Pinnacle Peak Patio Steakhouse, where everyone scarfed up high protein, low fat food and drinks (well, it sounds good, anyway). That "health food" meal must have done the trick because day two was all LAPD with our teams taking home the gold in both the skeet and skeet doubles events. It was truly awesome watching the shooters blast those claybirds with near perfection... with their bottles of Maalox nearby and bellies protruding victoriously.

Individual accomplishments were just as impressive with a kettle full of medals making the trip home. Nocket put on an outstanding performance by shooting a perfect score in skeet (100x100). Page was right on his heels with a 99x100 to capture the silver. Hennessey also took home a gold in the ladies skeet event. In skeet doubles everything went to LAPD with Page,

Nocket and Bray taking the gold, silver, and bronze, respectively, and Hennessey seizing the ladies silver. In trap, "Dead Eye" Weddle bagged a gold in 21 yd. and a bronze in 16 yd. with



Mister Perfect - Jeff Nocket hit them all in skeet and won the High Overall gold medal.

Hennessey again taking a silver in ladies doubles.

The piece de resistance came with the High Overall Awards were announced: Nocket took the gold and Weddle secured the silver, a fantastic finale for LAPD's participants!

The team is now gearing up for the California and Nevada games. Anyone interested in honing their shotgun skills should give Jimmy Trahin a call at (562) 698-2674 for more information on shooting with the club. Remember, if you love your shotgun, it will love you!

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SPORTS BEAT

Results From Round 1 and Round 2 of the 1999 Fire and Police Motocross Nationals

by Rich Swisher

Motorcycle soup is the most accurate mental picture I can paint you of the first two rounds of the 1999 Fire and Police Motocross Nationals held at Glen Helen Raceway on April 12th and 13th. LAPD's newly formed LAPRAAC Motocross Team that tackled the first two rounds of this charitable championship series consisted of several seasoned experts and a few boots that are eager to learn the tricks of the trade. Our colorfully clad gladiators showed up in the early morning rain to survey the new track, full of faith in the weatherman's prediction of clearing skies and sunshine for both days. The muddy track was so slick and sloppy and deep that it was not even passable on foot. Event organizers, "Off My Back Screen Prints," allowed all of the racers a few practice laps to learn the track and develop their strategies before the races began. I don't know about any strategies but when the motorcycles were mixed in with the mud, all I saw develop was a recipe for motorcycle soup! The track's condition caused the race to be delayed and the race officials considered shortening the races from two separate motos (a moto is a 5-lap race) per class, to one moto per class, or even rescheduling the event all together. The rain continued to pour down and the temperature continued to drop so a decision was made to put on the event in full length and see

just how much grit these cops and fire fighters had.

I'm not sure if it was grit, or inexperience but Ken Koch from Wilshire, Mike Kilpatrick from West Valley CRASH, Paul Manchacca from Harbor, Rich Swisher from Southwest and Angel Gomez from Central decided to stay and race the grueling event. Wise old-timers Lt. Charlie Beck, Vic Curtie and Bruce Hoover decided to hold out for safer and more pleasurable conditions. Meredith Swisher was fortunate enough to be denied a T/O that day, and went to work with a perfect excuse to stay warm, dry and safe. (Well, as safe as you can be in Southeast anyway.) Ken Koch, LAPD's only ATV racer, was the first to blast out of the gate onto the rain-drenched track and fought hard for a fourth place in the first moto and a fifth place in the second moto. Ken's average compared to the other competitors in his class earned him fourth place overall in the four stroke quad class.

Next up was Mike Kilpatrick and Paul Manchacca in the sportsman (ages 18-29) novice class. Mike blasted his booming #44 YZ400F through the pack of mud-covered racers of this heavily contested class and held off all but two of them to take home third place in the first and second motors earning him third place overall and LAPD's first medal. Paul ripped through the mud on his #29 YZ250 and was tangling with Mike up front for a while. The mud gods got a hold of Paul though and pulled him down a few spots to 9th in

the first moto and 4th in the second, but he still managed to slip and slide his way into a hard earned fifth overall. Mike also rode the Veteran (ages 30-39) novice class. Mike turned in two outstanding rides but a few swims in the mud held him back to a 5th in the first moto and a 6th in the second moto for a 5th place overall. Next it was Rich Swisher's turn in the Veteran (ages 30-39) beginner class to navigate his #934 CR250 through the soupy, deep-rutted track. Rich was taken out in the first turn by another rider (probably a sheriff) and had to come from the back of the 30 rider pack to register a hard fought 13th place finish in the first moto. Crashes again plagued Rich in the second moto, but his desire to get it all over with as soon as possible eventually landed him in 11th place earning him 11th place overall. Rich was another two class entrant which afforded him the opportunity to take a couple more swims! Rich fared better, however, in the younger class, and posted an 11th place finish in the first moto and a 7th place in the second moto for seventh overall. Angel Gomez was up next on his two-day-old #439 RM250 in the "First time beginner's" class. That's right, two days old! Angel read the announcement of this event while working the penalty box guard shack behind PAB, bought a motorcycle on Saturday, practiced for two hours on Sunday and raced on Monday. Angel had raced as a kid though, and it showed. Angel was charging for the front of the pack in his first moto and made it up to about fifth when some mud-blind fool (probably another sheriff) ran into him while he was on the ground and broke off his clutch lever. Angel finished the first moto in 11th place earning him 8th place overall in the 25 rider class.

Rich Swisher, Meredith Swisher and Angel Gomez all ran different combinations of the numbers 9, 3 and 4 in remembrance of Brian Brown of Pacific Division, from the "9"-95 academy class, Fil Cuesta from Southwest "3" Division, and Steve Gajda from Hollenbeck "4" Division. The team would like to thank "Off My Back" screen prints for organizing this event and all of the sponsors that made it possible to raise money for the families of fallen officers and firefighters. We would also like to thank everyone that pitched in for Mike Kilpatrick's brother, Rod Kilpatrick. All proceeds from the "Ride for Rodney" sticker sales went to assist Rod and the Kilpatrick family with his recovery. Our next race will be the Police Summer Games Motocross on June 22nd and the European Hare Scrambles on June 23rd at Gorman near the Grapevine. Anyone interested in racing with, turning wrenches for, sponsoring or just hangin' out in the pits with these dirty cops, contact Rich or Meredith Swisher for further information.

Round Two

After the trials of the first day, Paul, Rich and Angel pulled out of the event due to the cost of repairs to their bikes after the brutal beating they took in the

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The Montebello Police Officer's Assn Presents The Terry Lundy Golf Classic

A Special Event Dedicated to Helping a Friend in Need

DATE: Friday, June 11, 1999

TIME: 7:00am Shotgun / 6:00am Registration

LOCATION: The "New" Montebello Municipal Golf Course
901 Via San Clemente

FORMAT: 4 Person Scramble

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 per Player
\$400.00 for Foursome

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES: Green fees and cart / continental breakfast / tee favors / on course beverages / buffet style hors d'oeuvres during awards ceremony

AWARDS: 1st through 4th place will receive beautiful glass trophies. Cash prizes will also be available for closest to pin and longest drives. There will be a raffle during the awards ceremony for great prizes including a color TV, VCR, golf equipment, gift certificates, etc...

Dear friends,

One of our finest, Senior Officer Terry Lundy, was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. He is currently undergoing extensive treatment in an effort to slow the spread of the disease.

We all know someone who has battled cancer. We have seen firsthand the emotional and financial hardship it can place on a family. Terry's family is no different. Terry, his wife Patty, and their daughter Ashley need our help!

How can you help? It's simple. Just participate in or donate to this special tournament. All the proceeds raised from this event will be set aside to help support Terry and his family.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on June 11th.

RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

It sure feels like winter in April. B-r-r-r it is cold. Who would think we would have our fireplaces going the last week in April. Guess I just put my long johns in the trunk too soon. Would you believe it snowed in the Hemet Pass to Beaumont last week? I guess the folks up north and the folks east of the Great Divide are laughing up their sleeves at our beautiful California climate. I guess I'm not making any points with the local Chamber of Commerce. Well, we did have a few days last week when it actually got up to 90 degrees. Well, it turned out to be a perfect day

the AM Felony Car while at Central, back in the '40s. I wondered why he kept calling me Mr. and sir and dad. I was ten years older than he was.

Larry Staub was there and looked great. Jim Carter didn't show. This is only the second time he has missed a luncheon since 1983. I have to call him. He is battling cancer. Give him a call when you can.

Ted Snyder has not fully recovered from his surgery but he calls about every month. Sounds great. He is a great friend. Hate to see him laid up.

Cliff White has been battling throat cancer. Had his larynx removed. Wife, Rosemary, says he is in fairly good spirits. Vows he is going to make the October

Now hear this, write it down with red paint over the mirror in your bathroom. The next luncheon of the Inland Blue Line will be (believe me) the second Wednesday of October (10-13-99), and remember I have moved. Mail all correspondence, like money, reservations, complaints or gripes to Lloyd Yandle, 3287 Park Avenue, Hemet, Calif. 92544.

The Post Office will no longer forward mail from the old address, so if you get your letter back, check the address. Okay, have a great summer and be careful on these freeways. It's a jungle out there. And while you're at it, pray for me. I have to drive in Hemet.



Inland Northwest Division Annual Steak Fry



SAT., AUGUST 28, 1999, 1400 HRS TIL 2100.
DINNER AT 1730. ROSS POINT KIWANIS PARK,
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COST: \$18 PER PERSON BY AUGUST 18
\$22 AFTER AUGUST 18. CHILDREN \$5 EACH
FOR HAMBURGER/HOT DOG

The Inland Northwest Retired LAPD announces our annual re-creation of the good old fashioned division steak fry. The park is heavily treed on a 1/4 mile stretch of the Spokane River, with a swimming beach and horseshoe pit. A steak dinner will be served at 1730. Please bring your own beverages.

Makes checks payable to Gail Coutts, and mail to PO Box 3610, Hayden Lake, ID 83835. Your cancelled check will be your receipt.

Questions: Gail Coutts @ (208) 762-2111, E-mail Gailkat99@aol.com or Kent Setty @ (208) 765-5020, E-mail kentset@ior.com



1998 Inland Northwest Division Steak-Fry Come Join The Fun In 1999



Row 1: Bob Johansen, Jerry Winkle, Henry Lane, Frank Heckl, Carolyn Murphy, Dave Oswalt, Mike Livesey, Ernie Neumann, Ron Baughman, Jim Simmerman (Post Falls PD), Gail Garrett, Joan Simpson, Dick Cron, George Willoth, Dave Welts. Row 2: John Zorn, Cliff Hodge, Jack Halstead, Jerry Wilson, Bill LaBrie, Bob Johnson, Jim Haag, Dave Daniel, Ron Layton, Mike Hrehor, Betsy Gray, Steve Fisher, Gail Coutts, Mike Murphy. Row 3: Jerry Sparks, Bob Guzman, John Perretta, Werner Krempels, Bob Hagenbaugh, Steve Hooks, Gary Beach, Waid Woodruff, K.C. McBride, Marty Hernandez, Joe Sacha, Alan Priest, John Puis, Tom Simpson, Keith Kalm, Chuck Smith. Row 4: Kent Setty, Jim Hardin, Chris Smith, Sherry Peasha, Gary Redel, Bob Coutts, Larry Finney, Ed Gossett. Row 5: Blackie Saitman, Larry Tucker, Charlie Sears, Hank Foresta, Tony Radavich, Jim Peasha, Bruce Hennell, Mike Evers. NOT SHOWN: Dale Baker, Al Bollinger, Tom Dickson, Bob and Tricia Guzman, Bob Hall, Duane Hall, Terry Hannon, Richard Keir, Bruce Meyer, Roger Robinson, Kelly Willoth.

RETIREMENT NEWS

The Central Coast "Fuzz That Wuzz"

by Dave Aikins

Salutations, from the folks residing on the beautiful Central Coast of California. Summer is inching toward us and the tourists are starting to flock in from everywhere. There are many great activities that provide attractions for everyone. Like hunting down antiques? Check out Cayucos, Harmony and Cambria in the North County. Wine tasting? Try the numerous wineries near Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande. Beach sports? Hang out around Pismo Beach, Shell Beach and Oceano (where you can still drive your vehicle out onto the sand). Great restaurants? Experiment in San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. There are wonderful places to see and just kick back and relax. Due to a massive oil clean-up, Avila Beach won't be up and running until the summer of 2000. Hey, I can wait, but Taffy, my golden retriever, was hoping for an earlier opening to chase tennis balls in the surf. What a life.

NEXT FUZZ EVENT - Atascadero Lake Park Pavilion.

DATE - Thursday, June 10th.

LOCATION - Behind the Charles Paddock Zoo at 9315 Pismo Ave., Atascadero.

SOCIAL HOUR - 1100 hours; Lunch at noon (Includes barbecue tri-tip, chicken, veggies, salad, dessert and refreshments).

COST - \$10.00 per person (nice view of Atascadero Lake).

NOTE: Rumor has it that Gerd Konieczny wants to serve a venison Hors d'oeuvre. Cool. For further information, contact Brian Galbraith at 805-929-8248.

Focus on the Fuzz

Our man in the spotlight this month is **Bob Darnell**, #16576, who is currently residing in San Luis Obispo with his lovely wife, Marilyn. Bob came to Cali-

fornia from Denver, Colorado, when he was 16. He attended college and two days after he completed his studies at what is now Cal State Northridge, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Darnell was sent to Vietnam where he completed a 14-month tour, nine of which involved combat duty. Upon returning home, Bob got interested in the LAPD when a motor officer told him about the virtues of our great department. Hey, it worked.

Bob joined the valiant blue in 1970 and retired as a sergeant in 1992 out of WLA Division. As a young officer assigned to Foothill Division in September, 1972, Bob was asked by his sergeant one evening to provide relief at the front desk from his normal patrol duties. Bob was settled in at the front desk when a male suspect approached the Foothill station and began to pump live rounds into the front of the station. Havoc broke out as the suspect fired 64 rounds into the front lobby. Utilizing his combat training and experience, Bob risked his life and dragged seven people to safety while rounds were flying everywhere. Miraculously, only one citizen was hit in the lobby. Darnell received the Medal of Valor for his heroic efforts.

Upon retirement, Bob was hired as the coordinator for the criminal justice system, at Cuesta College, located just north of San Luis Obispo. He enjoys teaching several classes at the college and still manages the program. He and Marilyn have two sons, Brian, age 21, a senior at Cal Poly, SLO, preparing for a career as a military officer; and Craig, age 18, attending Cuesta College, studying International Law and Business. Marilyn is currently coordinating the senior program at the Old Mission in SLO.

Bob and Marilyn enjoy traveling and are headed for Europe again this year. Bob has been instrumental in keeping the "Fuzz That Wuzz" up and running, by serving as one of its past leaders. Thanks, Bob, for all you have done.

Catch us at fuzzthatwuzz@juno.com. KMA

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

June is bustin' out all over, including here in Sacramento. Now if you're still sittin' around with nothing to do, come to our SABLA June luncheon and tell a few "war stories." We'd love to see and hear from you. Those of you planning a vacation trip this way, please stop by and visit with us on your way. Next day is June 10th, at 1130 hours.

This past month, on May 15th, our former SABLA Prez **Ed Lewandowski** set up our "Spring Fling" at Greenstone, on private property in a private area called Barn by the Lake. If you missed it, it won't be back again for another year! Sorry!

We had a great group of ex-LAPDers, and some came from a long way away. Why even **Ed Slattery** and his wife came in from Parker, Arizona. Even farther away was **Bob Hunter** from Vancouver, Washington. **L. C. Browne** from Elk Grove was there. That's not too far away, but L. C. is someone who always pays his dues, but we don't get to see him too often. **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** from Sonoma who have hosted the "Fall Classic" for SABLA for years were there, with Ron begging for someone to play horseshoes with him! When you have a reputation for being a "pro" in a certain sport, it's tough to find someone to play your game!

So now we have two major social events for the SABLA group! We now have one in the spring to chase the winter doldrums away, and one in the fall to get us ready to hibernate for the winter. I'll have more of a complete story of the "Spring Fling" in the next issue of the *Blue Line*.

One a more unhappy subject, SABLA's **Bob Keel** reported that one of SABLA's charter members died on April 24, 1999. Retired Captain **Walt Koenig**, born in Eaton, Colorado, on April 6, 1909, had just celebrated his 90th birthday when he joined the Blue Line in heaven. Walt's wife, Avon, told Bob that Walt started in the Academy in 1939, served LAPD 26 years attaining the rank of Captain. He retired in 1964 while commanding Hollenbeck Division. He then became Chief of Police for the city of Torrance for five years, and then a Georgia law enforcement college administrator, and finally as a consultant for POST in Sacramento. For Avon, his family, and all his friends, our prayers go for Walt and all of you.

On April 7, I made my first trip to the home of Dixieland music and Pat O'Brien's Hurricane drinks—New Orleans, Louisiana. Wow! Do they know how to party? Wow! I should've gone when I was much younger! But that trip did cause me to miss the April 8th SABLA luncheon, and the presentation of the newest SABLA member, retired LAPD Inspector **John Powers**. A little known fact about John was that he

did not start his police career with LAPD, but with Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1934! John tells of how they kept warm in the police cars with no heaters in New York, in the winter! It surprised me that Poughkeepsie even had cars in those days! Just kidding, John.

Ken Carlsted, Carl Kuehn, Ray Lauritzen, and Nate Iannone did not miss it. All of them were there. Where were you? **Steve Tilden** and "Slim," his dad, were there. Who paid for lunch, Steve? You or your DAD?

Bob Sharrett, Chuck Crawford, Roy Kerton, Bob Trout, and Royal Jensen made the luncheon. They missed me, but they missed you more! Next month. You come, OK?

Back to John's presentation where he showed everyone an old familiar piece of police equipment—a baton! Made of wood! Of all things! John stated that his dad, a retired police officer, who in turn got it from a widow of another police officer, somewhere around 1909, gave this one to him. The baton was used as a defensive weapon, and also as a "communications vehicle!" Several rapid raps of the baton on the pavement meant to another "beat" officer nearby that an "Officer needs help!" And they say the newest generation is the most innovative! Hah!

Charlie Long and **Hank Seret** from Roseville's Sun City, and **Justin Dyer** and **Bill Wilhelm** got to hear all the stories from John Powers. We'll just have to catch John's book if it is ever published!

At May's luncheon, **Jim Fusaro** of the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society, was there to tell us about the world's largest jazz festival held here in Sacramento on Memorial Day weekend! Largest—in the number of bands at different venues—125 bands, including international, youth and regular jazz bands. *Jim had some free tickets to raffle off. I'll tell you next month who were the lucky ones.*

A new member joined our astute group. Introducing **Randall Cloud**, #12301, who retired from Devonshire Division, and now lives just east of here in Cameron Park. That's just off Highway 50 which takes you to Lake Tahoe. So if any of his old buddies are looking for a place on the way.... Welcome, Randy. Join us anytime you can.

We always meet on the second Thursday of the month, at the Palomino Restaurant at Watt & El Camino, in Sacramento at 1130. This month will be Thursday, June 10th. Lunch is usually at 1200 and the guest speaker starts at 1230.

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. The Post Office delivers us everything. Photos too if you have 'em. We'll find someone with good eyesight to read your letter to everyone. Then we'll pass the photos around and say: I know that guy or gal!

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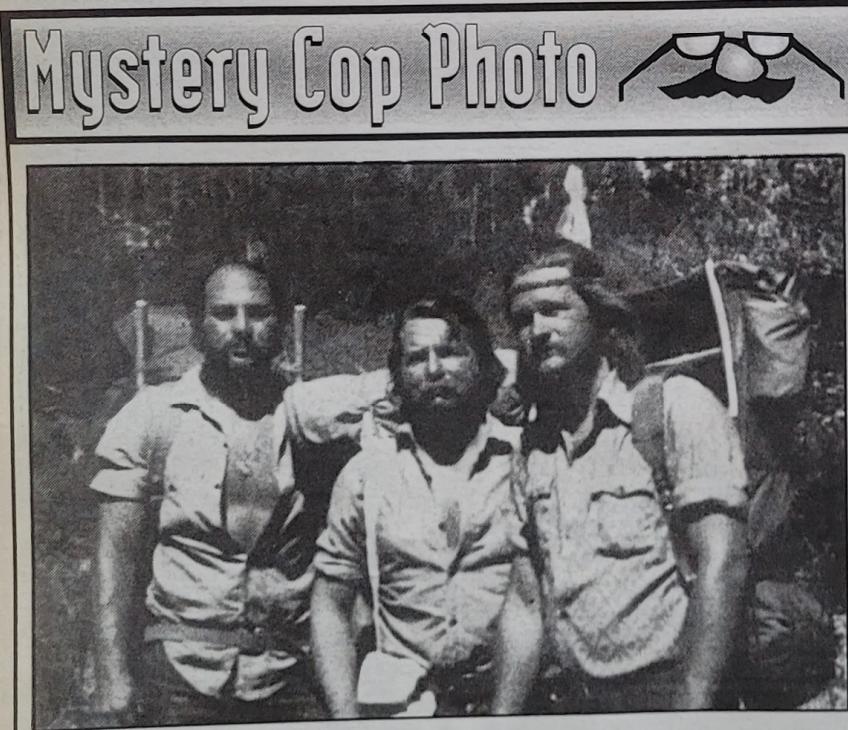
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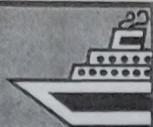


Off-duty Narco cops enjoying nature. Name all three for a prize. First three callers with correct answers win.

Answer to May's Mystery Cop Photo:

Last month's photo featured motor cops Bert Perkins, Carl Wahl, Frank Claridge, John Grant and Bob Houck. (Thanks to Bert Perkins for submitting the photo.) Bob Houck was the only respondent with all correct answers and therefore, the winner.

Retirement Corner



June, 1999

Rank/Name/Serial No./Last Assigned To.....	#Years
D-III Raul Galindo 14122 Juvenile Division	31
D-III Steven R. Nielsen 13419 OCVD	30
D-III Terry L. Wessel 14680 Rampart	30
D-II E. H. "Hugh" DeSpain 14703 Van Nuys.....	30
P-II David C. Smith 15078 Hollywood.....	30
D-III Thomas R. Appleby 15162 RHD	30
P-II Stephen E. Keith 15357 Hollywood	29
D-II Sherry L. Santor 15401 BAD	29
D-II Robert J. Pixler 15475 BAD	29
Ralph L. Wight 16469 Harbor.....	28
D-III Michael "Red" McDonagh 17659 Hollywood	27
P-II Fred "Derf" Thompson 17771 Foothill.....	27
D-II David L. Bryant 17888 DHD	26
P-III James R. Weishuhn 20178 Personnel.....	26
D-III Serge "The Mad Russian" Riyeyski 20516 Hollywood	26
D-II Terry G. Minton 20719 Anti-Terrorist Div.....	25
D-II Robert "Bob" Parsons 20929 Van Nuys.....	25
SGT-II Thomas E. Page 22946 Uniform Support Div.....	18
D-I Bernadette C. Kilgore 24409 Devonshire	15

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Old Blue Running Team

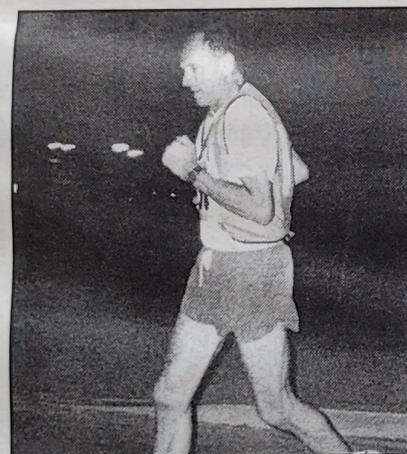
by Neil Parker

And the winner is!!

What a difference a month makes. There were 103 finishers in the Baker to Vegas 10th annual relay race and after the smoke had cleared, the winner, and still champion is . . . Metro Red! A big hip, hooray, and mucho congratulations to all of the team from 114, who indeed are still the Kings of the Hill. They won the crown with an outstanding 13:10:39 time which was 29:44 minutes faster than their 1998 winning time. Certainly worthy of mention are the second place winners, Special Enforcement Bureau from Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept. who chased Metro Red in with a sizzling 13:17:26. And right in back of SEB was California Highway Patrol-Statewide, who nailed down the third spot with a tail-singing 13:21:08.

Howsomever, OLD BLUE runners also hung right in there finishing with a 15:57:23, which was only 5:23 minutes over our 1998 time and bumped us down from fifth to eighth in the 800 category and from 39th to 51st overall. Not too bad, really. Not too bad at all for a group of outstanding gray-haired grandpas and other gerontological groupies who have simply never stopped standin' tall, or standin' still. Congratulations to every member of our team for running a great race and once again proving that gray hair, white hair, or no hair, OLD BLUE still has the right stuff and we proved it where it counts—out on the race track. We don't have any 8x10 glossies to give out (yet) so names alone will have to suffice for now. They are: Thurston Bechtel, George Davis, Bill Osuna, John Martin, Chuck McTaggart, John Marnell, Mike McKean, Capt. Pat Connelly, Kevin McNamara, Dale Sprinkle, George Blishak, Bob Bloomer, Mario Mascolo, Mel Sandvig, Pat Dailey, Bruce Hoover, George Sanchez, Bob Carter, Pete LaMaestra, Chuck Foote, Al Precciado and Jay Hernando. Support personnel at the race were George Arnold, Bob Espinosa, Keith Allen, Joe Bender, George Beck, Mike Calagna, Rudy DeLeon, Neil Parker, Bob Hickey and Support Group Captain, Mr. Supporter himself, the one and only Pat Rosson. Pat and his partner, Rich

Martinez, not only worked the entire race, making doubly sure that all runners had a catcher and a sender as well as a ride back to the hotel, but they were *Johnny* on the spot to ensure that there were no last minute problems cropping up or about to crop up. And, of course, we forgave Pat and Rich when they ate the entire package of homemade cookies that the Ladies Club of Pahrump donated. Just kidding, folks. Pat and Rich only ate the chocolate chip cookies. We did get the rest. A few guys got lost driving out to Ray and Donna Romero's wonderful welcome party and if you were



George Blishak.

one of the cars that got lost and kept going till you got to Lake Meade, don't blame us if all of that great chow was gone. Their home on the golf course is absolutely gorgeous and color-coordinated by Donna. As an encore, Ray was a catcher/sender/chauffeur for the last half of the race. When he was a rookie on our car in Central, a long, long time ago, I sure underestimated this young man's talents. Had I realized he was so capable, I would have had him drive as well as keep the log, but life is full of surprises. It was a great race and I think that everyone had a great time. The last thing that I recall as I wandered off to the hotel was Pat, Rich and Ray cleaning up and squaring away the rental vehicles and getting our equipment ready for next year. Just a tremendous, tremendous team effort by everyone concerned and we invite you to join up with OLD BLUE. If you have ever run or thought about running or just want some exercise with some high class runners, then come

Dates to Remember

June

June			
June 2	Marlin Warkentin	1730	1830
June 3	Buck Henry	1700	
June 3	Sherry Santor	1100	
June 4	Steve Nielsen	1130	
June 5	Prescott Area Blue Line BBQ	1300	
June 7,8,9	77th Division Reunion, Las Vegas		
June 10	Central Coast Fuzz	1100	
June 10	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
June 12	Legendary Ladies Luncheon	1100	
June 16	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
June 18	Raul Galindo	1800	
June 18	Beryl Bourne	1800	1900
June 18	Lou Aguilar	1800	1900
June 18	Dave Smith and		
	Steve Keith	1100	
June 24	Dave Bryant	1600	1715
June 25	Mike McDonagh	1700	1800
June 26	VTD Reunion & Picnic	1100	

July

July			
July 7	Serge Riyeyski	1700	1800
July 9	Thomas Page	1700	
July 23	Terry Wessel	1730	1830
July 29	Anthony Alba	1700	1800
July 30	Steve Haberfield	1700	1800

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on June 16, 1999, "The Lamp-lighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. We meet in the room adjacent to the Bar Lounge. A special lunch menu is available.

We had 27 at the April 21, 1999, meeting with one who had not attended any of our previous luncheons. The attendees were Don Barnett (7433), John Becker (5059), Ted Debs (6808), Gene Dillon (3411), Emmett Drennen (3279), Ray Elmer (5607), H. (Curly) Elliott (4534), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Fedderson (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), Maurie Goldstein (6227), Mel Harner

(4501), Morrie Henkin (5247), Flo and Lou (5354) Holland, John Kepke (4603), Don Lyon (6575), Betty (new this meeting) and Royal MacGregor (5004), Boris Meneghelli (3522), Lou Netza (7655), Ray Palaszewski (6934), Dale Rickards (3593), Guy Schlotzhauer (2804), Stu Stremsterfer (4394), Earl Wells (6297), and Dick Young (10585).

It is time to mark your calendars for the annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's ranch in Malibu. It will be on Sunday, October 24, 1999, the Sunday before Pacific Daylight Time ends. Details will be in the September and October columns in the *Blue Line*.

For information about meetings, call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

out to our last Sunday of the month meetings which will take up again on September 26, 1999, at Griffith Park behind the Ranger Station at 8:00 a.m., rain (what?)



(Left to right): Rich Martinez, Ray Romero, Pat Rosson and George Arnold.

or shine. For additional info, 949-455-1952. Ladies, of course, are especially invited to join our team.

Late scoop just in: To get a better handle on his many coaching and road racing interests, team captain, Coach Pat Con-

nelly, has elected to turn over the reigns to fellow veteran runner and long time friend, Chuck McTaggart. Best of luck to you, Patrick, and don't forget your

partners at OLD BLUE. Welcome aboard, Chuck. We're all looking forward to working with you on fielding the best possible team that we can. And we know that you know that we can.

More Retirement News on next page

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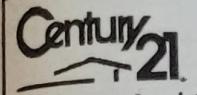
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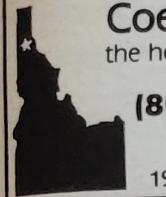
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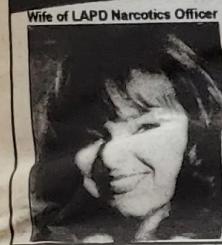
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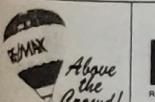
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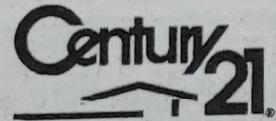


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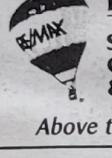
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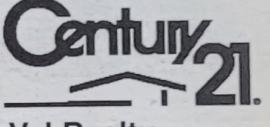
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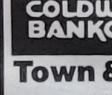
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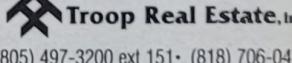
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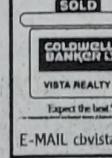
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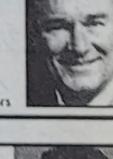
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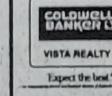
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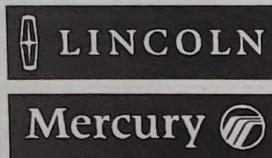
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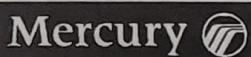


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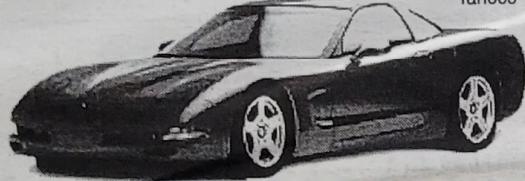


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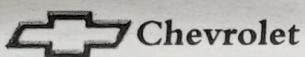
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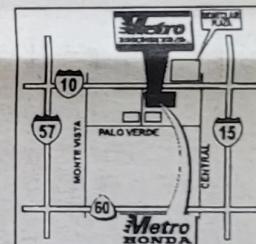
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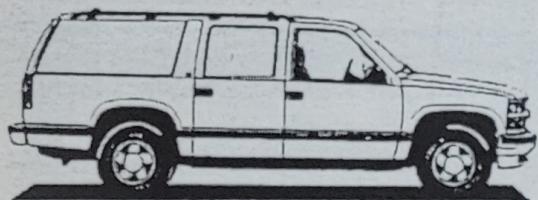


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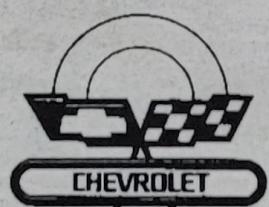
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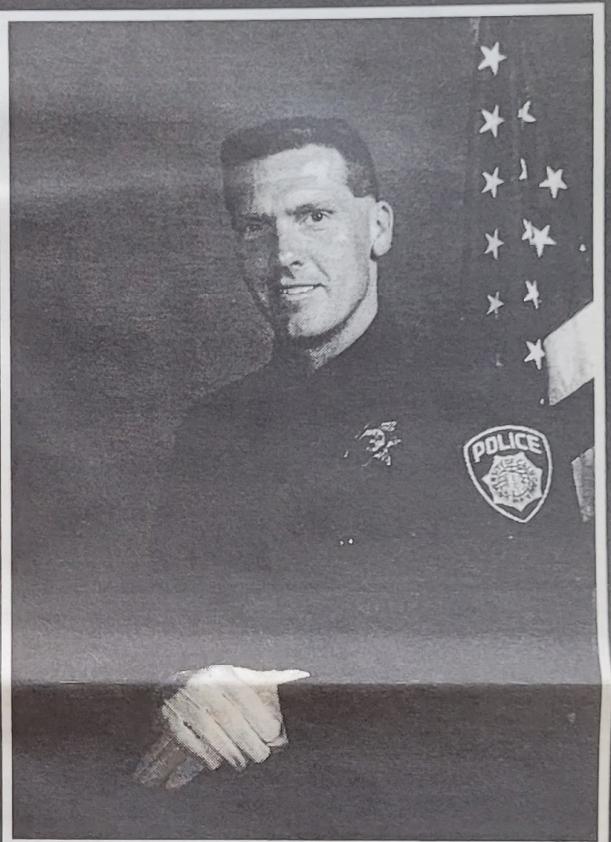
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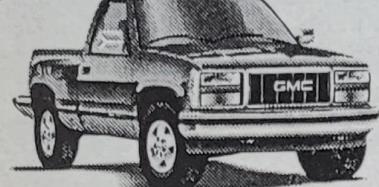
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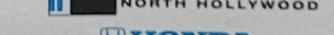
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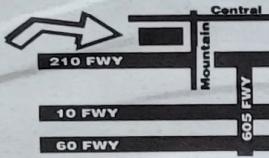
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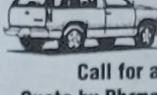
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